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Italian
Threat
To Corfu

OPPOSITION NOT YET SATISFIED

LONDON, Apr. 13.

MR. CLEMENT ATTLEE, leader of the Labour Opposition, followed the Premier in the debate on the international situation, and declared himself disappointed with the Premier's statement.

"We have had a deliberate breach of obligations undertaken by Signor Mussolini in the Anglo-Italian agreement. We regarded the agreement as part of a mistaken policy; an unreal policy of unilateral appeasement."

"In my view, the rape of Albania is to the Anglo-Italian agreement what the destruction of Czechoslovakia was to Munich, and the general effect is that one cannot accept the word of either the ruler of Germany or Italy."

"When people suggest that troubles can be dealt with if only reasonable people would meet round a table, we have to remember that these people are not reasonable."

Great Anxiety

"We have got to face the position that everywhere in Europe there is great anxiety, and everyone is asking who is going to be the next victim."

"The attack on Albania was certainly not a sudden attack occasioned by something done by King Zog."

"It was part of the settled policy of the Axis Powers, and was directed towards the disintegration of the whole of that part of Europe."

"I welcome the fact that we have undertaken responsibilities towards Poland, Greece and Rumania, but the Government to-day has accepted just those responsibilities which they refused to accept under the covenant of the League."

"We want to see a real policy of assurance. These individual planks are useful, but we want to see a dam. We want a policy which is going to build up collective security for years, and something more than a policy of cover for a week, or a fortnight."

Russian Aid

"I do not think it would be wise to underestimate the difficulties in which the totalitarian States find themselves, but if we are to prevent war, we must get a strong enough force to deter the aggressor. I am sorry, therefore, we have got no mention about the position of Russia."

"If you want to build collective security you must get unity between Britain, France, and Russia. I feel that a declaration of solidarity between these Powers would be the rallying point around which all those forces which stand for peace, could be brought in."

Churchill's Complaint

Mr. Winston Churchill agreed with the Government that nothing could be gained by denouncing the Anglo-Italian agreement at present, but he criticised the policy by which the British fleet was scattered in the Mediterranean at Cairo, and said that if the fleet had been concentrated and cruising in the Ionian Sea, he believed that the Albanian adventure might never have been undertaken.

"This is no time for half-measures. If peace is to be preserved, two main steps must be taken immediately, namely the full inclusion of the Soviet in our peace talks, secondly promotion of unity in the Balkans."

"The four Balkan States are an immense combination, and if they can only stand together, they are safe."

Mr. Churchill said that he was not convinced that Italy had made up her mind to be involved in a mortal struggle with Britain and France.

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EMPRESS LINER DUE

The Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Russia left Yokohama at 4 p.m. yesterday and is due at Hongkong on April 20 at 9 a.m.

Daladier's Declaration

Peace With Liberty And Honour Demanded

PARIS, Apr. 13.

Mr. Daladier to-day dictated his declaration of French policy.

France, he said, is determined to preserve peace with liberty and honour, and France is disposed to help all peoples who are determined to oppose aggression.

He gave pledges to support Greece and Rumania, similar to those made by Mr. Chamberlain. M. Daladier said France and Poland have re-affirmed their military alliance.

"France attaches the greatest importance to preventing any modification of forces or threat of force to the status quo in the Mediterranean or the Balkan Peninsula," he declared.

M. Daladier added that since French policy had been defined in March, France had taken precautions on the Spanish frontier and had acted in harmony with Britain to preserve the status quo in the Mediterranean, as well as strengthening ties with all peoples opposing aggression.

Actions had been taken without verbal manifestations or vain provocations. "It is not necessary to accompany action with threats, but France has taken military precautions against any surprise," M. Daladier declared.

No Domination

In the course of his declaration, M. Daladier said:

"The Prime Minister reiterates the aims of French policy as outlined on March 29."

"France has since acted without words, demonstrations and vain provocations."

"She had taken military measures which were purely defensive and aimed at the defence of the French and empire frontiers against all surprises."

"The Government remains in permanent contact with the governments of Britain, the United States, Russia, Poland, and the Balkan States, and I am convinced that our object will be attained in organising collaboration between all nations who do not wish to threaten the vital interests of any people, and are determined to oppose all attempts at domination."

"The close and profound agreement with Great Britain, never has had greater strength than to-day."

M. Daladier then read the declaration of support for Greece and Rumania, which had been drawn up in common agreement with Britain.

The Silverleaf sailed from San Francisco on March 10 and is expected here on or about Monday.

"PRESSURE HIGHEST"

LONDON, Apr. 14.

REFLECTING the political trend, to-day's weather report here stated:

"Pressure is now highest in the Mediterranean." — United Press.

Berlin

"IRRITATED" AT THREAT

Reactions To Premier's Declaration

Berlin, Apr. 13. OFFICIAL spokesmen here have declined to make any comment on the British and French declarations pending "a close study of the official text."

"They are unable, however, to conceal their irritation and disappointment at the rapid progress of the 'policy of encirclement'."

Authoritative circles close to the Wilhelmstrasse denounce the Anglo-French guarantee to Greece and Rumania as "mere bluff, designed to carry the encirclement policy a step further." — United Press.

"Leave Us Alone"

Rome, Apr. 13. Addressing a crowd of 45,000 at the Piazza Venezia after a meeting of the Fascist Grand Council to-day, which approved the King's acceptance of the Albanian crown, Signor Mussolini said:

"The world is begged to leave us alone in our great daily task, and to try the encirclement policy a step further." — United Press.

"Unrepentant"

LONDON, Apr. 13. First reaction in Rome and Berlin to the Mr. Chamberlain's statement appears to show that Italy and the Axis partner stand firm and unrepentant.

In Bucharest, the guarantee to Rumania was received on all sides with exclamations of "Bravo!"

General opinion in Bucharest is that the Premier's statement neither cases nor aggravates the international situation, which it is felt remains grave, with everything

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BRITISH POLICY IN THE MEDITERRANEAN MADE A DEFINITE STEP FORWARD TO-DAY, WHEN MR. CHAMBERLAIN TOLD THE HOUSE OF COMMONS THAT ANY ATTEMPT TO INFRINGE THE SOVEREIGNTY, INDEPENDENCE, OR TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF GREECE, RUMANIA OR TURKEY WOULD CALL FORTH MAXIMUM RESISTANCE FROM BOTH BRITISH AND FRENCH FORCES.

He further stated that as a result of the Italian invasion of Albania the British Government is giving Greece their assurance of immediate aid if they are threatened—in terms almost identical to the guarantee given to Poland.

Mr. Chamberlain also expressed the Government's concern over Italy's delay in withdrawing Italian troops from Spain.

FASCIST THREAT TO CORFU

Sweeping simultaneous declarations from both Britain and France have disclosed how swift action blocked Fascist threats to occupy Corfu.

Both Britain and France have warned the dictatorships that their armed forces are ready to oppose further aggression in Europe.

Mr. Chamberlain told the House of Commons that, in the event of any action clearly threatening the independence of Greece and Rumania which Greece and Rumania considered vital to resist with their national forces, Britain would feel bound immediately to lend all support within her power.

Thus both Paris and London have extended to Rumania and Greece the same military commitments previously made to Poland.

FORCES FOR PEACE

"We are endeavouring to our utmost to marshal forces still in favour of peace, who are willing to resist aggression so our efforts may be successful," declared Mr. Chamberlain.

He strongly criticised the occupation of Albania and expressed "doubt and suspicion" regarding the Fascist explanations for it.

By inference, he characterised the seizure of Albania as a menace to peace and security.

On Sunday last, he said, the British Government learned that Italy intended to attack Corfu. Lord Halifax told Italy that Britain was not occupying Corfu, and warned Italy to refrain from occupation.

Mr. Chamberlain recalled that Italy had agreed to respect the status quo in the Mediterranean and emphasised that the Adriatic Sea forms part of the Mediterranean.

PLEDGE TO POWERS

However, he said, Italy had not denounced the Anglo-Italian agreement.

He announced the British pledge of assistance to Greece and Rumania and said it was being communicated to other countries, including Turkey.

Italy has given the assurance that Italian troops would be withdrawn from Spain, including pilots and planes, immediately after the parade on May 2.

He indicated that he was keeping in very close touch with the Soviet.

The Opposition leader afterwards strongly criticised the Government, Mr. Clement Attlee saying he was "disappointed in the speech."

However, the remainder of the House cheered the Premier's declaration. — United Press.

Chamberlain's Dramatic Speech In Full

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INCREASE IN TENSION

ZERO HOUR IN EUROPE

Tension between Rumania and Hungary has disturbingly increased, and the Rumanian Government has decided to further strengthen her forces on the western border.

The renewed tension appears to have originated in violent attacks by the Hungarian press, including an article in which Hungary is said to have claimed the city of Brashov, almost exactly in the centre of post-war Rumania.

Underwriters in New York announce that they are withdrawing war risk insurance, quotations on cargoes to and from Germany and Italy.

They assert that tension has increased on account of the democracies' plan for a strong naval policy in the Mediterranean.

Simultaneously, they have advanced other rates by 100 to 200 per cent., the highest rate being \$1.25 per \$100 for shipments to China via Suez, as compared with 62.5 cents previously.

Interest in the anti-aggression front created by the British and French, with the exception of the Baltic states.

France is also concerned at Britain's failure to bring Russia into the anti-aggression front.

However, it is reported here that Britain is considering a bi-lateral military engagement with Moscow. — United Press.

Military Precautions

PARIS, Apr. 13.—France has taken military precautions on the Pyrenees frontier, in answer to the reinforcement of the Spanish Nationalist garrisons. — United Press.

Danzig Tension

DANZIG, Apr. 13.—The Danzig Government has protested to Polish diplomatic representatives in the free city, charging that leaflets printed with the anti-German song "Rota" are being thrown from the Polish inter-state railway cars.

The leaflets are alleged to contain statements saying that Danzig is in Poland and is therefore Polish property.

Regular conversations between Danzig and Polish officials, regarding smaller problems have not occurred during the last few days.

Meanwhile, observers notice a definite tension and an open interruption of conversations, partly because the Danzig Government is awaiting specific instructions from Berlin.

It is worthy of note that the Danzig protest was delivered after the flight of 100 Germans from Poland. — United Press.

Egypt Hoards Gold

CAIRO, Apr. 13.—In view of the international situation, the Egyptian Government has banned the export of gold until further notice. — Reuters.

German Naval Exercises

London, Apr. 13. It is learned from official sources that the German Government has informed the British and French governments that the customary spring exercises of the German fleet will be held this year off the coast of Spain, and will last about a month.

The units concerned will leave the home ports on April 18, and will consist of the three Deutschland, three cruisers, a flotilla of destroyers, submarines, and auxiliary vessels. — Reuters.

Japan And Europe

Tokyo, Apr. 13. Great importance is attached by political circles to two conferences between Japanese Ministers to-day.

After Foreign Minister Arita had had a lengthy conversation with Premier Hirohito regarding the Japanese attitude towards the European situation, the Premier immediately called a conference with Defence Minister Hatanaka, and Marine Minister Admiral Yonai, for a detailed discussion of Japanese foreign policy, particularly with regard to the European situation.

The main issue of the conference was believed to be the problem of strengthening the anti-Comintern policy in connection with the maintenance of good relations with Powers, politically, economically and militarily interested in the outcome of the China conflict, and the entire Far Eastern developments—Trans-Ocean.

KAIFENG HELD BY CHINESE

Honan Capital Scene Of Bitter Fight

LOYANG, Apr. 14.

IN A fierce counter-offensive, Chinese forces which retired from Kaifeng, capital of Honan province, to avoid Japanese encirclement on Tuesday, again smashed into the city on Wednesday, according to reports just to hand.

Close-quarter street fighting took place in the city, resulting in heavy Japanese casualties.

Important Japanese buildings and Japanese ammunition depots were wrecked and burned.

The main body of the Chinese forces is reported to be pushing eastward from Kaifeng—Central News.

Battle In Full Swing

Peiping, Apr. 13. The battle for Kaifeng was still in full swing this morning, with the Chinese bringing up reinforcements, according to Japanese official despatches.

The Chinese forces, fully equipped, are fighting stubbornly in the southern outskirts of Kaifeng, according to these reports, and the battle is increasing in its fierceness as it enters its fourth day to-day.

It is admitted in Japanese despatches, that the attackers succeeded in capturing the railway station, which is situated at the southern wall of the city, from the pro-Japanese Chinese gendarmes, and that the Chinese have occupied the Kaifeng aerodrome.

The Japanese authorities state they are still unable to confirm or deny the killing of six members of the Pacification Commission at Kaifeng, but independent and reliable Chinese sources state that it is fully confirmed that at least four members were killed. — Reuters.

LATEST

EURASIA PLANE SHOT DOWN

According to a "Trans-Ocean" message from Chungking a Eurasia plane, which left Kunming yesterday for Hanoi, was attacked over Laos, near the French frontier by three Japanese war planes, and was brought down.

The German pilot of the machine is reported to have been slightly injured, while the fate of the other occupants is not yet known.

No Information Locally

The Eurasia Corporation in Hongkong states that no information has been received here of the incident. The Superintendent of Kai Tak Airport, Mr. A. G. Moss, said that the plane shot down could not have been one regularly calling at Kai Tak, as the movements of all inward and outward planes had been fully accounted for.

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Further Late News

SOME DAY YOUR CAR MAY BE RUNNING ON COAL DUST

New Engine Ready For Trial

SOME DAY you may be running your car on coal. Yes, motorist, on coal—not on petrol or gas obtained from coal, but on coal itself, introduced into the cylinder in the form of a fine dust and mixed with compressed air so as to form an explosive mixture.

Experiments on the use of coal-dust in Diesel engines have been proceeding for a long time, but they are now entering the practical stage.

Dr. Hans Wahl, a German engineer who is one of the world's leading authorities on the subject, told the Internal Combustion Engine Group of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers at Swansea recently of the success which has attended these experiments.

WHAT EVERY-MINER KNOWS

He said that after several decades of development the coal-dust engine can be regarded as "ripe for trial in service."

Its efficiency and advantages, as well as the limits of its field of application and the extent to which it was likely to be able to compete with other forms of prime mover, could be fairly clearly forecast.

It is well known to every miner that a mixture of coal dust and air may be highly explosive. Some of the worst explosions underground have been caused by such mixtures. Scientists have been trying to harness this explosive property of coal-air mixtures to engineering purposes and now they seem on the point of succeeding.

ITS FIRST USE

At first coal dust would be used only for stationary Diesel engines, but there is no reason to rule out ultimately the possibility of its use for road vehicles.

In any case, the development of the coal-dust engine may be the best news the coal industry has had for a long time and may prove as revolutionary as James Watt's development of the steam engine.

Dr. Wahl said the performance of the coal-dust engine in service was dependent primarily on the qualities of the coal dust used and particularly its ash content.

PROBLEMS SOLVED

The use of special wear-resisting steels, and various precautions in construction and operation had reduced the rate of wear of the cylinder lining and piston rings to a fraction of what it formerly was, and had brought erosion and burning at the exhaust valve and carbonisation and erosion of the injection nozzles, within reasonable limits.

The difficult question of the choking of the dust valves had also been brought near to a final solution after extensive experiments.

Cylinder lubrication had already been brought within the average usual in oil engines as regards quantity of lubricant supplied, while the problem of sludge removal, a matter of special importance in the coal-dust engine, had been solved in a very simple manner.

It was possible to say, said Dr. Wahl, with typical scientific caution, that the outstanding operational difficulties of the coal-dust engine had been so far overcome as to ensure the possibility of further improvements to give good performance in continuous service.

USE OF GAS PRODUCERS

Other speakers told the group of the use of gas producers for driving road vehicles.

In these producers gas is made by passing air through a fire of anthracite or low-temperature coke or some similar solid fuel; water or steam may be introduced along with the air blast, but opinions differ on the value of so doing.

A 31-seater single-deck omnibus has run on producer gas for over a year between Inverness and the North, covering some 32,000 miles; the fuel consumption works out at £20 a year, which compares with £253 for petrol and £136 for Diesel oil.

New British Aircraft Carrier

LONDON. GREAT Britain's air power at sea is considerably augmented with the commissioning for service of the aircraft carrier H.M.S. Ark Royal. Carrying a full complement of airplanes, she is likely to join ships of the home fleet on the spring cruise which begins this month.

She will carry among her sixty war planes the first squadron of "hell dive" bombers ever put into service by Britain. The speed of the bombers is thus far more than eighty miles per hour faster than the famous American "hell divers."

The new ship, grossing 22,000 tons, is nearly 800 feet long over all, and her flight deck towers some seventy feet above the water line. Much of her equipment is secret and awaits trial in service conditions; the practical tests it will undergo as soon as the ship gets to sea will provide a measure of the new carrier's value as a fighting unit.

The Ark Royal is the first British warship to be designed exclusively as an aircraft carrier. Her full complement for sea-going duty will comprise some 1,000 men and about 140 officers. Hangar space is provided below decks for sixty modern war planes. The flag of Rear Admiral G. C. Royle, senior Fleet Air Arm officer, flies at the mast-head.

From a mile away the Ark Royal dominates Portsmouth dockyard. Destroyers, cruisers and even the mighty 35,000-ton battleship Rodney appear lilliputian alongside the vessel, which derives an appearance of outstanding size from her flight deck, a flat expanse of steel extending 250 yards and stretching 100 feet from side to side. The deck overhangs the sides of the ship and runs uninterruptedly from the bows to the stern.

Basically, the Ark Royal conforms to the design of other aircraft carriers. She has two long hangars. Three lifts convey airplanes to and from the deck. The control superstructure rises above deck level on the starboard side. Right in the fore of this deck are two ramps used for accelerated take-off. The defensive armament of the ship consists of 4.5-inch anti-aircraft guns disposed at each "corner" of the ship and arranged as double-barrel units to give a concentration of fire. "Pom-pom" multiple-barrel guns give further protection.

AIR INTELLIGENCE OFFICE

Located in a comprehensive control tower is an Air Intelligence Office, where check will be kept on movements of aircraft patrolling perhaps a hundred miles away.

Without their complement of aircraft the hangars appear unduly long—just floating tunnels of steel. Fuel, oil and water pipes running along the "walls" of the ship provide a time-saving service for refuelling after flights. From the "roof" of the hangars project numerous nozzles from which, in emergency, anti-fire liquid can be sprayed. Curtains of fire-resisting steel divide the hangar up into separate compartments.

An extensive spars is set aside for aircraft spares. Hitherto, aircraft carriers have gone to sea very much dependent on shore-based replacement services for the many nuts, bolts, wings, spars, radio equipment and so forth which may require attention on a long voyage. In the Ark Royal large store rooms are reserved for these spares; innumerable steel shelves and racks await the thousands of parts needed as standby for the fleet of aircraft soon to home in this floating airbase. Padded racks in one section are ready to take seaplane floats when necessary. These will be fitted to landplanes on board, which will then

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Strike of 2,200 employees in 13 hotels for a closed shop recently staggered Washington, D. C., and caused embarrassment to many officials who lived in hotels but who hesitated to cross the picket lines. Here is Senator Carter Glass of Virginia crossing at the Mayflower.

One Jersey — And Oh, So Very Hush, Hush!

IN ADMIRALTY Orders, concerning kit which the newly-formed Fleet Air Arm Supplementary will supply at their own expense, appears the following:

806.—FLEET AIR ARM SUPPLEMENTARY PARTY—KIT (V. 1356/39.—23.3.1939.)

The list given in paragraph 9 of A.F.O. 147a/39 of kit to be provided by Men of the Fleet Air Arm Supplementary Party entered as Able Seamen is to be amended as follows:—Add 1 Jersey.

A.F.O. 147a/39

(This Order will be reprinted for posting on Notice Boards.)

Very hush, hush, this! That's why it couldn't be given before. Stamped across the orders, in bold blue capitals, was the warning: "Not for publication or broadcasting before A.M. 25/3/39."

Camp Derelict For 22 Years Is Refugees' Haven

RICHBOROUGH CAMP (near Sandwich).

THIS is still a mystery camp, as it was 22 years ago when the soldiers who were brought here secretly had no idea where they were.

Now nameless German refugees are being quartered in the same hutments—men who must keep their identities and whereabouts from common knowledge in order to protect their families at home.

British men were trained to kill Germans during the war. Now, the sons of some of those Germans will be trained here in the occupations of peace.

FLOATING POPULATION

The first batch of 60 men arrived recently. They are nearly all married, some with several young children, and with few exceptions have been in concentration camps.

By the end of March the camp will hold 3,500—its full capacity. Population will be floating for as men are trained they will be emigrated, chiefly to Australia and South America.

"It will be a lucky country which gets them," Mr. J. A. May, head of the camp, said. "Most have exceptional qualifications, and some are skilled in processes unknown except in Germany."

FEW REPAIRS NEEDED

A lawyer who earned £2,000 a year in Germany was removing rust from a hot-plate machine which once kept food warm for English Tommies, and the headmaster of a famous technical school was digging a trench in the mud for piping.

Kitchener Camp has lain derelict for over 20 years, but it was so be able to fly as seaplanes while the ship is in harbour.

The Ark Royal is the first of six new aircraft carriers ordered for the Royal Navy. Four of these are now being built, each approximating 23,000 tons. All will be able to reach a speed of thirty-one knots, enabling aircraft to take off from and land on the flight deck even in conditions of dead calm. Soon, the navy will be able to take to sea in aircraft carriers some 400 first-line aircraft, a formidable air armada which will be supplemented by about 100 aircraft carried in battleships and cruisers fitted with catapult launching gear.

FOOD PROBLEM WITH GASTRITIS

For years, doctors wanted to find a food that would not irritate the inflamed stomach walls of patients suffering from gastritis—and that at the same time would rebuild the patient's strength. In severe cases of gastritis, solid foods are out of the question, even liquid foods are often vomited. Yet the patient needs quick new strength to rebuild his exhausted body. In Horlicks, doctors and nurses have found an ideal food.

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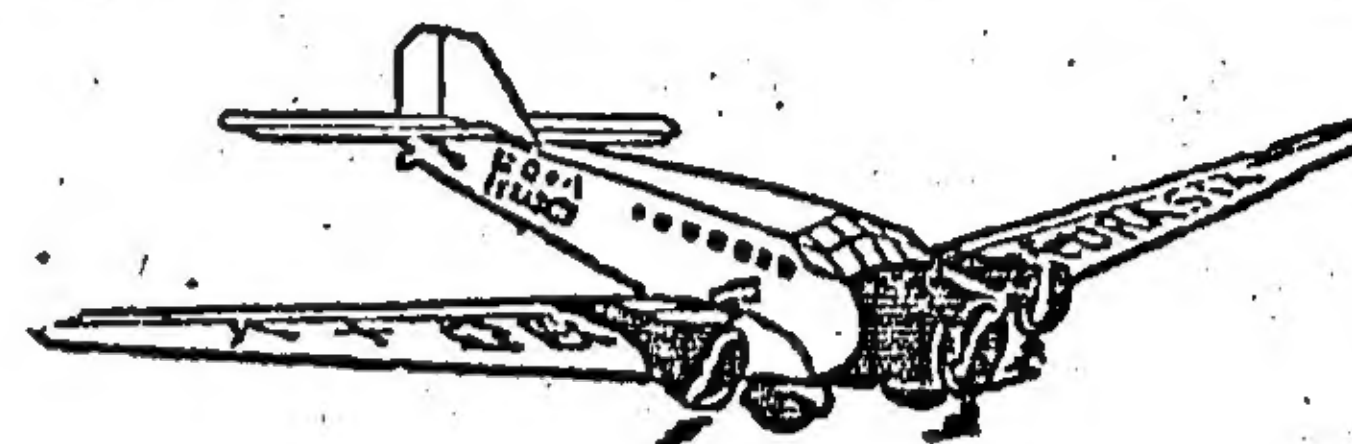
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- R 2263. Good Morning Mr. Barlow. I'd Give Everything I've Got.
- R 2030. Grub. Music.
- R 2239. Faust De-Bunked. Don't Tell My Mother. And So To Bed.
- R 2199. It's Getting Harder To Discover. You Make My Wheels Go Round. I Hate Vice.
- R 2158. I'd Rather Be A Savage. I Couldn't Make To The Girl of To-day.
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She's In England To Fetch Star

MRS. AD SCHULBERG, blonde and bright-eyed, is known in Hollywood as "the woman who knows all about the stars," and is in London to straighten out the Danielle Darrieux mix-up.

She is an international show agent, and the wife of producer Schulberg. Mrs. Schulberg will need all her knowledge and experience for the job that has brought her across the Atlantic.

Lovely Danielle Darrieux, 21-years-old French star, went to Hollywood on a contract with Universal Film, made pictures for six months and then stamped out of the place back to France, saying:

"Hollywood wanted to remake my face, figure, and soul. They wanted a new me. I resisted and left."

Mrs. Schulberg went over to point out to Danielle that the question of the contract remained.

"I went to see her in Megeve—the French ski-ing centre—and talked it over with her. She was very nice, but she seems to be under certain legal obligations to a

French producer," Mrs. Schulberg said.

"But I want to take her back with me. They like her in the States. I don't think she exactly walked out of Hollywood. She didn't perhaps know the language over there very thoroughly."

"Universal sent a legal representative over, but she didn't see him. She just didn't want to get involved. I may go back to France to her again in a day or two."

Meanwhile Danielle goes on skiing in Megeve.

Hollywood, says Mrs. Schulberg, is getting perturbed about the success of British films—in New York now there are three doing very well.

Of British stars she remarked that the men are so much better than the women—"I don't really know what English women, with a few exceptions, lack in films. But they lack something."

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Hui Becomes Triple Badminton Champion For Second Time

Shows Brilliant Form In Singles Tussle With Charlie Au

(By "The Bird")

P. K. Hui of the University became triple badminton champion of Hongkong for the second successive year last night, when he won both the men's singles and doubles finals to add to the mixed doubles laurels secured the previous evening. These successes are undeniable confirmation of his status as the Colony's leading exponent of the game.

For about two minutes of the first game against Au in the singles tie Hui was worried. He could not draw away from the tenacious Au, and it was pretty clear that whoever did get a lead after the scores had been called at eight-all would more than likely win the game.

I think Hui recognised this, for the exchanges had been so tight that services passed a number of times without addition to the scores; and he made his biggest effort at this stage. Au reacted and the champion went out at 15-8.

Hui was not slow in following up this advantage and in the second game he obtained a decided mastery over his opponent, forcing Au into errors, and rarely failing to whip out a winning shot when opportunity occurred.

Hui's genius was fully revealed in this match for Au by no means played badly. But the challenger did not seem able to sustain his efforts, and in both games fell away once the halfway stage was reached.

FAST AND SPECTACULAR
Both men manoeuvred cunningly, shortening and lengthening shots with bewildering rapidity, and the match was as fast and spectacular as any seen in the local championships.

Hui's greatest advantage was a wonderful clearance shot which never failed him. Even when he was hastily retreating to his own baseline, Hui was able to use his clearance to the best possible advantage, aiming and finding the backhand baseline corner with unerring accuracy.

It was his splendid length which prevented Au from making the usual quota of "kills", whereas Au often lobbed but half-court, for Hui to smash with unreturnable fury.

Hui was also the more accurate in the short game, angling so well and with such delayed action that Au was more than once caught moving in the wrong direction. But the loser also had his brilliant moments at the net, and certainly was not blessed with any luck.

CHAMPIONS RETAIN TITLE

The doubles encounter was as sparkling as the rarest champagne. Hui, after a rest and a shower, appeared to be just as fresh as the other three players, and he certainly played a notable part in the result.

He and P. L. Yung, the holders, finally beat P. S. Bun and M. S. Lim, another varsity pair 15-10, 10-13, but they had lots of anxious moments before it was accomplished, and many thought that the losers were going to force the issue to the third game.

Bun was the man of the match, employing some magnificent shots, in particular a cross-court drive-smash

which scored time and again with the opposition caught in two minds; his anticipation and interception were also clever and effective, often being the means of terminating a long rally with an unanswerable "kill."

He and Lim worked well together and it seemed that only with much experience denied them at least one game. Lim scored heavily with smashes down the middle of the court, but his service was too stereotyped, and Hui quickly worked out how to kill it.

HUI TIRES
Hui himself made several mistakes which normally would not come from his racket, and which obviously were the outcome of his tiring singles match, but it was Yung who made the most errors, and by some curious trick of chance, they occurred from his shot game, which is usually the strongest feature of Yung's play. He constantly netted drop shots and blundered in half a dozen interceptions. But he made amends from the rear of the court, from where he cleared, drove and smashed with rare discernment and accuracy.

The losers made a valiant effort in the second set when they crept up to 13-11, but after the game had been "settled" service was lost immediately, and the champions won the next five points and the match on their two hands.

The exchanges were tremendously fast and at times all four players were smashing and picking up, providing one of the most spectacular displays ever to grace the championships.

Splendid Race In Hongham H'cap

(Continued from Page 8.)

Jokey threw in the towel. At this juncture the stable companion, Moonlight View, took up the gauntlet and he was pursued by Rob Roy. Mr. Encarnacao brought Rob Roy on the outside berth with a great run and the combination certainly shot forward in a most remarkable way. It was a grand sight, for all the three jockeys were hard at work on their chargers, but in the last hundred yards from home, Conquering Time was a beaten pony and it was left to Moonlight View and Rob Roy to fight the issue out. Down the straight they came, neck to neck and then head to head, racing together and there was terrific excitement when they crossed the wire almost together. After a few minutes of deliberation the verdict of a short head was awarded to Moonlight View and it was certainly a close shave. A length and a half separated Conquering Time. The mile was run in 1:57 1/2 and incidentally the second section was won by Galaxy in same time.

W. C. CHOY BEATEN IN FINAL TIE

London, March 19.

Well as the Chinese Davis Cup international, W. C. Choy, played in the men's singles final at the Queen's Club Covered Courts Tournament at West Kensington yesterday, he was unable to make on the fast wood surface of the East Court, much of an impression on the greatly improved L. Shaffi, who won by 6-2, 6-4.

The winner served with much power, and whenever he volleyed, no matter whether it was a high or a low one, the ball was struck with a firm hand and supple wrist, and the aim was sure.

Off the floor Choy was sound and there was always purpose behind his drive. There was, however, hardly ever the required force to keep such a virile opponent as the enterprising Shaffi on the defensive.

On yesterday's form no Englishman would have much chance indoors of defeating Shaffi, who now has controlled speed of stroke and the will to win, and it is obvious that higher honours are in store for him.

Indians Play Police R. C. At Lawn Bowls

The following players will represent the Indian R.C. in a friendly bowls match against the Police R.C. on the latter's green to-morrow at 4 p.m.:

D. M. Khan, A. M. Wahab, M. Y. Adal and A. R. Dallah (skip); J. Hoosen, S. O. Bux, A. O. Mander and A. K. Minu (skip); A. H. Rumlajn, S. M. Rumlajn, A. Bakar and M. R. Abbas (skip).

K. TONG TEAM

The following will represent Kowloon Tong Garden City Association against Kowloon Football Club in a friendly bowls match to-morrow on the former's green:

C. Mow, J. Tang, J. L. Stephens and A. Spary; A. E. Castro, H. Y. Hsu, Y. Abbas and A. H. Basto; T. M. Gregory, J. N. Wong, V. Atienza and H. Gittins.

Colony Chess Standings

D. E. de Carvalho leads E. Zimmer by half a point in the Colony Chess Championship. Results to date are as follows:

	P	W	D	L	Pts
D. E. de Carvalho	7	5	1	0	14
E. Zimmer	7	4	1	2	13
To Yu Lau	7	4	1	2	13
A. Kurrin	7	3	2	2	12
Dr. M. Z.	7	3	2	2	12
H. B. Harrison	7	2	3	2	11
Mr. B. B. Layton	7	2	3	2	11

Mr. B. B. Layton has dropped out of the competition.

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Fred Perry Asks Special Favour

New York.

Walter Pate, captain of the U. S. Davis Cup Team, dropped in at the National Indoor Tennis Championships recently and, as usual, was asked what he thought of America's chances of defending the trophy.

"Not bad, not bad at all," said Pate, and went on to elaborate on that theme for several minutes. Finally Fred Perry interrupted.

"Do me a favour, will you, Walter?" said the Briton.

"Wear a starched collar to the Challenge Round matches in September."

"Sure, Fred, but why?" asked the puzzled Pate.

"I'd just like to see it wilt," replied Perry.

ROYAL ENGINEERS

Birrel, Middleton And Davidson Shine

The Royal Engineers held their Inter-Section Athletic meeting yesterday afternoon on the Canton Road sports ground when the spoils were more or less evenly divided. Winners and runners-up of yesterday's events will represent the Sappers at the annual athletic meeting of the Hongkong Area Sports Board on May 4.

Results of yesterday's events were: 110 Yards—1, Spr. Hill; 2, Spr. Elaley.

220 Yards—1, Spr. Elaley; 2, Spr. Hill.

1 Mile—1, Spr. Middleton; 2, L/Cpl. Milton.

440 Yards—L/Cpl. Hovel; 2, Spr. Sheldrake.

3 Miles—1, Spr. Middleton; 2, Spr. Ircon.

Half-Mile—1, Spr. Cox; 2, Spr. Fox.

Discus—1, L/Cpl. Davidson; 2, Cpl. Eouzan.

Hammer—1, L/Cpl. Davidson; 2, Sgt. Croston.

Javelin—1, Spr. Pleton; 2, Spr. Fox.

Putting the Weight—1, Spr. Birrel; 2, Sgt. Croston.

Long Jump—1, Spr. Moore; 2, L/Cpl. Foley.

High Jump—1, Spr. Birrel; 2, L/Cpl. Lowe.

Shot—1, L/Cpl. Hardstaff; 2, L/Cpl. Webb.

120 Yards Hurdles—1, Spr. Birrel; 2, Sgt. Dimond.

Japan Aids Mothers

Tokyo.
The government has announced that women and their newly-born babies will receive free medical attention. Medical bureaux are being set up throughout the empire and travelling doctors have been detailed to farm districts.

Race Entries For Third Extra Meet

The following are entries for the Third Extra Race Meeting to be held at Happy Valley on Saturday, April 22:

1. St. Kilda Handicap—For Australian Subscription ponies. "C" Class. Ponies of this season barred. Six furlongs.

A Great Time, Annabella, Bredon, Cape York, Dick Turpin, Discovery, Bay Macquarie River, Murray River, Perfect Day, Hoofy, Stratherrick, Twilight Star, Violet Queen and Zodiak.

2. or 6. Canton Handicap—First or Second Section. For China ponies. "B" Class. Grifins of this season barred. From the two mile post once round and in (about one mile 171 yards).

Boat Bay, Commencement Bay, Expansion Time, Gladiator, Hume, Iron Eve, Heaven, Galaxy, Heolic View, Hopeful Time, Hyndford Bridge, Jennifer, Jillian, Lather, Festival View and Rose Emily.

3. St. George's Plate—A Handicap for Grifins of this season. Ponies classified "A" Class, barred.

Anna Day, Avon, Blue Express, Conquering Time, Eve of Harvest, Eve of Heaven, Galaxy, Heolic View, Hopeful Time, Hyndford Bridge, Jennifer, Jillian, Lather, Festival View and Rose Emily.

4. or 7. Fatshan Handicap—First or Second Section. For China ponies. "C" Class. Six furlongs.

Alligator, Amberley, Bistre, Blue Diamond, Bright View, Celtic Star, Fortotten Star, Galveston Bay, Heolic View, King Kong, Lady Love, Laughing Buddha, Laughing Girl, Lovely Star, Musketeer, Pinelands, Rose Emily, Rose Evelyn, Rose Jane, Rose Queen, Seaside View, Soldier of China, The Tigress and Tyne.

5. Three Hill Handicap—For Australian Subscription ponies of this season. Winners of more than \$500 in stakes, barred. From the two mile post once round and in (about one mile 171 yards).

Chilren, Cockle, Devonian, Happy Ladings, National Victory, Ring Star, Rivulet, Sydney Lad, Triumph Day and Victory Day.

6. Hobart Stakes—For Australian Subscription ponies of this season. Winners of more than \$500 in stakes, barred. From the two mile post once round and in (about one mile 171 yards).

Argon (123), Asot Vale (131), Black Diamond (132), Beryl (133), Charcoal (134), Fairchild (135), Gallant Marshal (136), Gog (137), Heddon (138), King's Envoy (139), Koi Ching (140), Malador (141), National Service (142), Old Fashioned (143), Opening Balmain (144), Patriotic Day (145), Rose Day (146), Some Hope (147), Talkative (148), Thanksgiving Day (149), The Hussar (150), The Spirit of St. Louis (151) and True Love (152).

Soviet May Decorate Chaplin

Charlie Chaplin may be awarded the "Red Flag" decoration by the Russian Government "for advancing the Democratic idea in film work." The Central Committee of the Russian Film Industry has approached the Soviet Union's Supreme Council with a suggestion to this effect, according to a newspaper report from Moscow.

It is further suggested that a Charlie Chaplin "week" be organised throughout the Soviet Union, during which all the comedian's best films would be on view.



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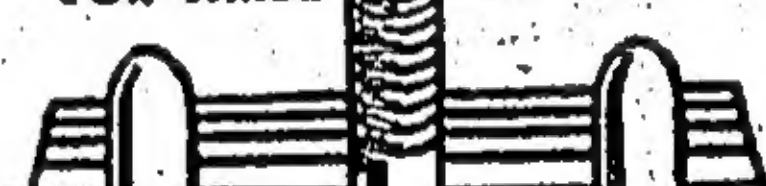
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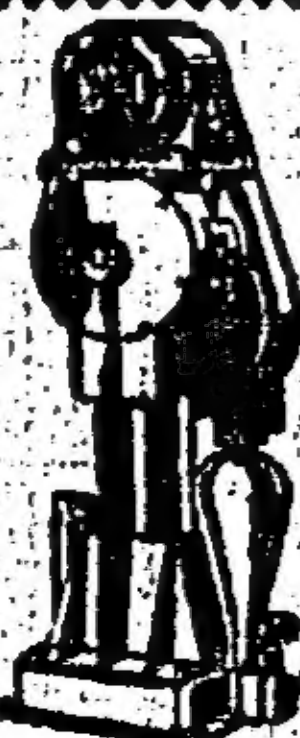
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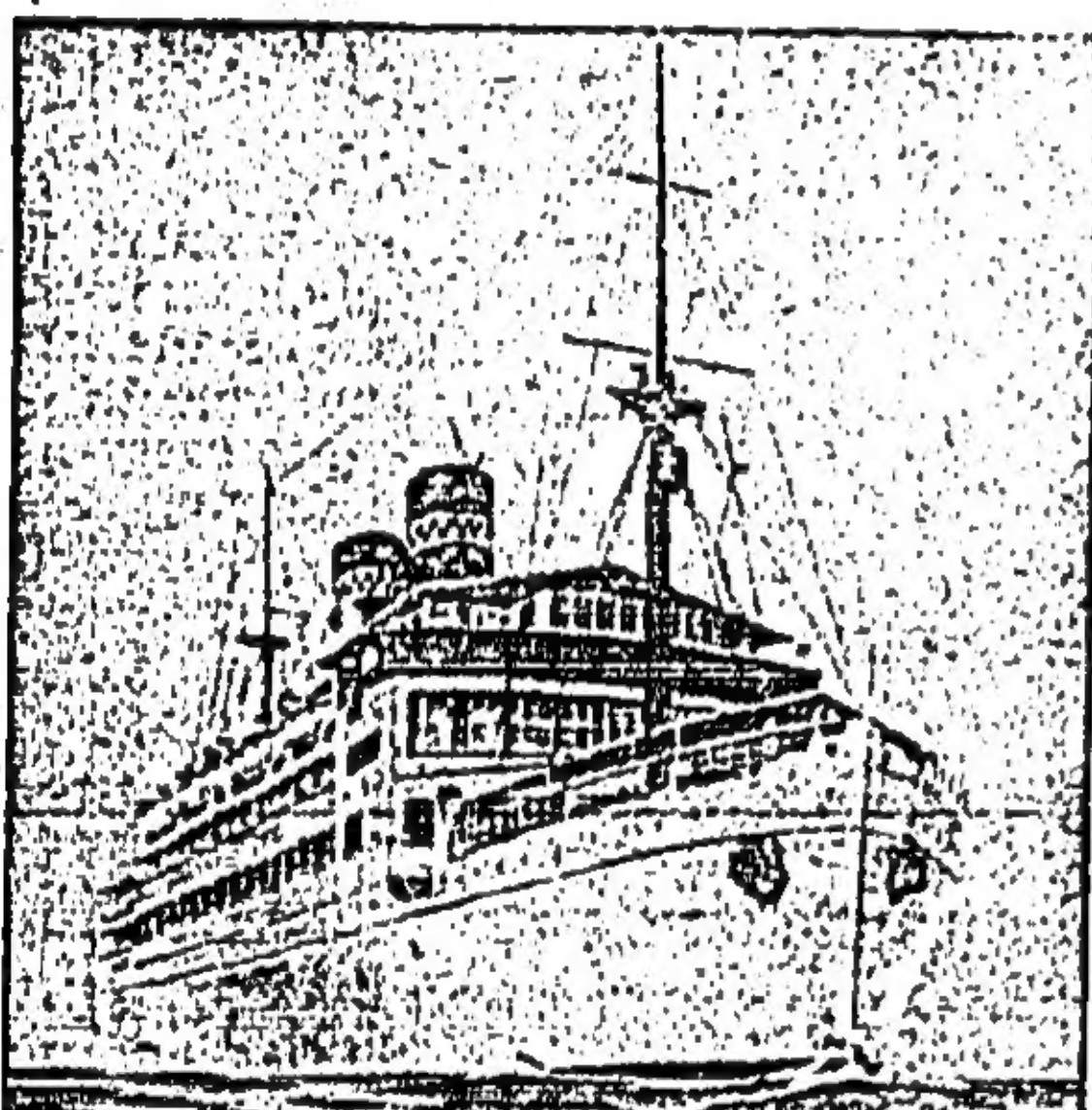
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Beat until stiff, but not dry, 2 egg whites. Add to mixture with ½ teaspoonful vanilla. Beat well. Add ½ cupful fruit and turn into a mould, or custard glasses. Leave to 'chill'. Garnish with the rest of the fruit and serve.

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Saving The Light

WHERE PEOPLE FORGET, MODERN SWITCHES REMEMBER

"HULLO, somebody's left the light on again!" In our house that is not just a casual family remark; it is a distinct and serious reproach. Current left burning needlessly on the top landing means extra money on the month's consumption, and as for a bed-light that burns while the late reader sleeps, that is the sort of thing that makes father talk of bankruptcy and our visitors blush. Electricity is, indeed, our latest social problem. How can we be economical with it without seeming ridiculously mean? And how can we burn the minimum of light without harming our eyes and wearing out our nerves?

IN THE LIVINGROOM

We know quite well that we must have a clear light in the living-room, with direct rays shining down on the fireplace circle, so that mother can see to sew and father to read, and that the children can play with their drawing-book without eye-strain and confusing shadow. We know we must have good strong light in the kitchen, in the bathroom, and over all the dressing-tables. There is nothing quite so tiresome as cooking in a poor light unless it is trying to make up your face in gloom.

Our real problem lies in hall and staircase, and deep cupboards. We could, of course, put low power lamps there, but again there is nothing so trying as bodily-lit passages, cupboards, and staircases. So we burn 60 watt lamps, and hope that people will remember to switch them off when not required which they seldom ever do.

COOKING HINTS

ROAST pork is more interesting if it is served with slices of oranges instead of apple sauce. The oranges should be cut into thin slices, soaked for half an hour in lemon juice, a little sugar, salt and pepper, and then placed round the joint.

If a roast, or a fowl, is treated in the American fashion, it requires no basting. Smear the meat with a thin paste made from flour and water. No extra time is required for the cooking.

When ready, the envelope of paste is removed with a knife and the meat underneath is deliciously tender and juicy. When treated in this way, there is practically no shrinkage in the meat and all the goodness is conserved.

Cold roast beef can be warmed so that it tastes as if freshly cooked. The secret is to immerse it in cold water for two or three minutes before placing in the oven.

An ordinary blancmange is sometimes insipid, but not if a teaspoonful of cinnamon is added. This gives a delicious flavour.

Before pouring the dressing over a salad, try the piquant French trick of sprinkling with white sugar and then with lemon juice.

A strip of lemon peel boiled with old potatoes helps to keep them a good colour.

Before frying cut tomatoes, dip the slices in a little vinegar. This helps to retain their shape, and the flavour is greatly improved.

It is depressing. So depressing that we have had an expert in to see what he can do to help, and he has made a number of bright suggestions. In the hall and staircase we are going to have time-switches. There are small black switches that you press in instead of clicking up or down. At the foot of the staircase you push in the button and the light burns steadily for three minutes with the switch coming out again gradually. In the three minutes you have ample time to get upstairs and probably down again before the light goes off of its own accord. If you want longer light you push it in again, and it can be worked from the bottom of the staircase, the half-landing, or the top.

FOR CUPBOARDS AND CELLARS

For the problem of the cupboards, where people constantly shut the doors and leaves the light burning inside, automatic switches operated by the opening and shutting of the doors will be fitted. Open the door and the light goes on, burning steadily until you close it again—then complete and economical darkness.

We are having these switches fitted in the larder, the coal cellar, and the linen cupboard. So far we have found nothing that will cure or at least alleviate the reader-bed who falls asleep with the light on. We have the idea all right, a kind of super time-switch light that goes off every quarter of an hour and must be put on again by hand. As we nod over a book the light goes out and stays out if we have nodded sufficiently.

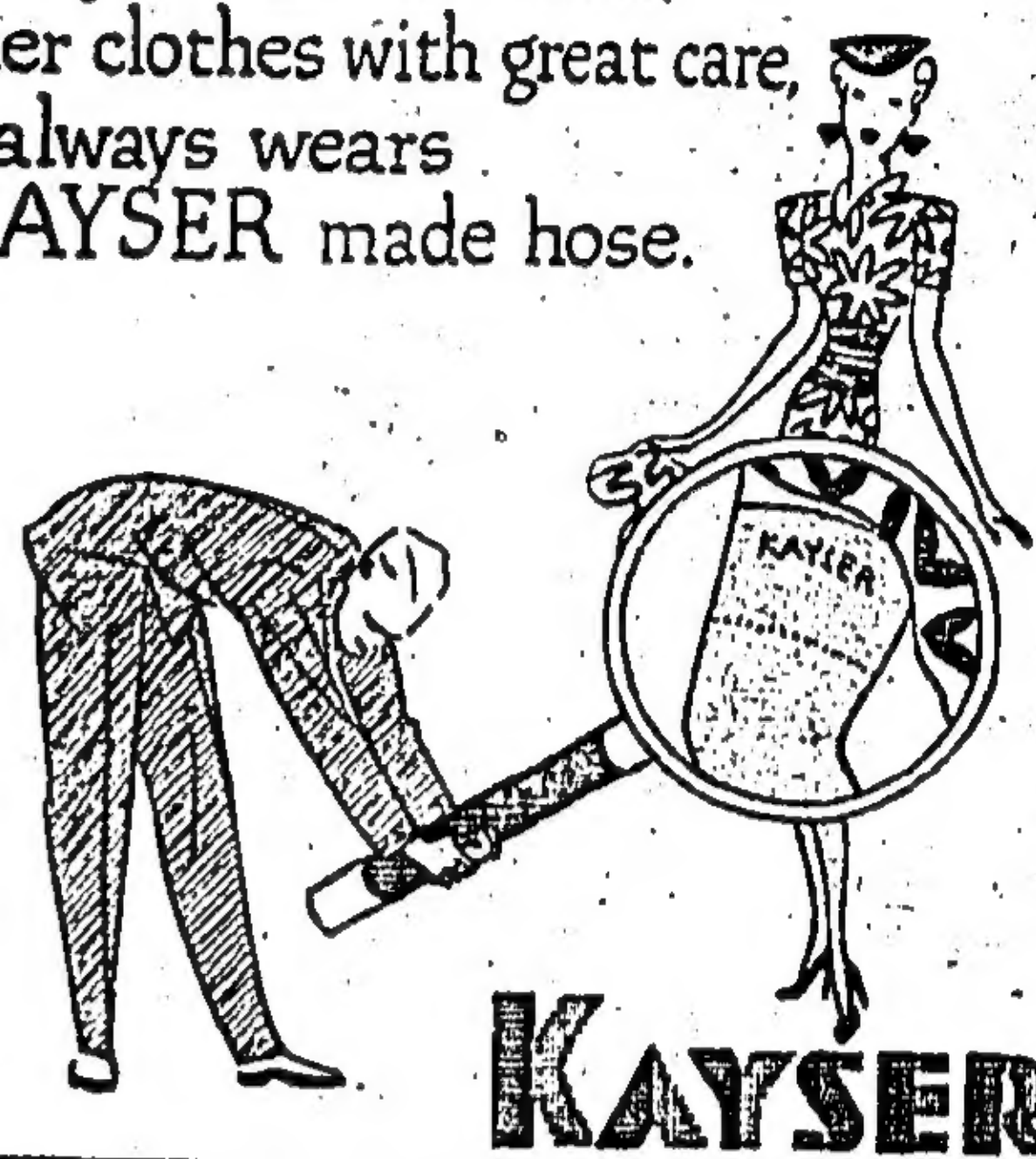
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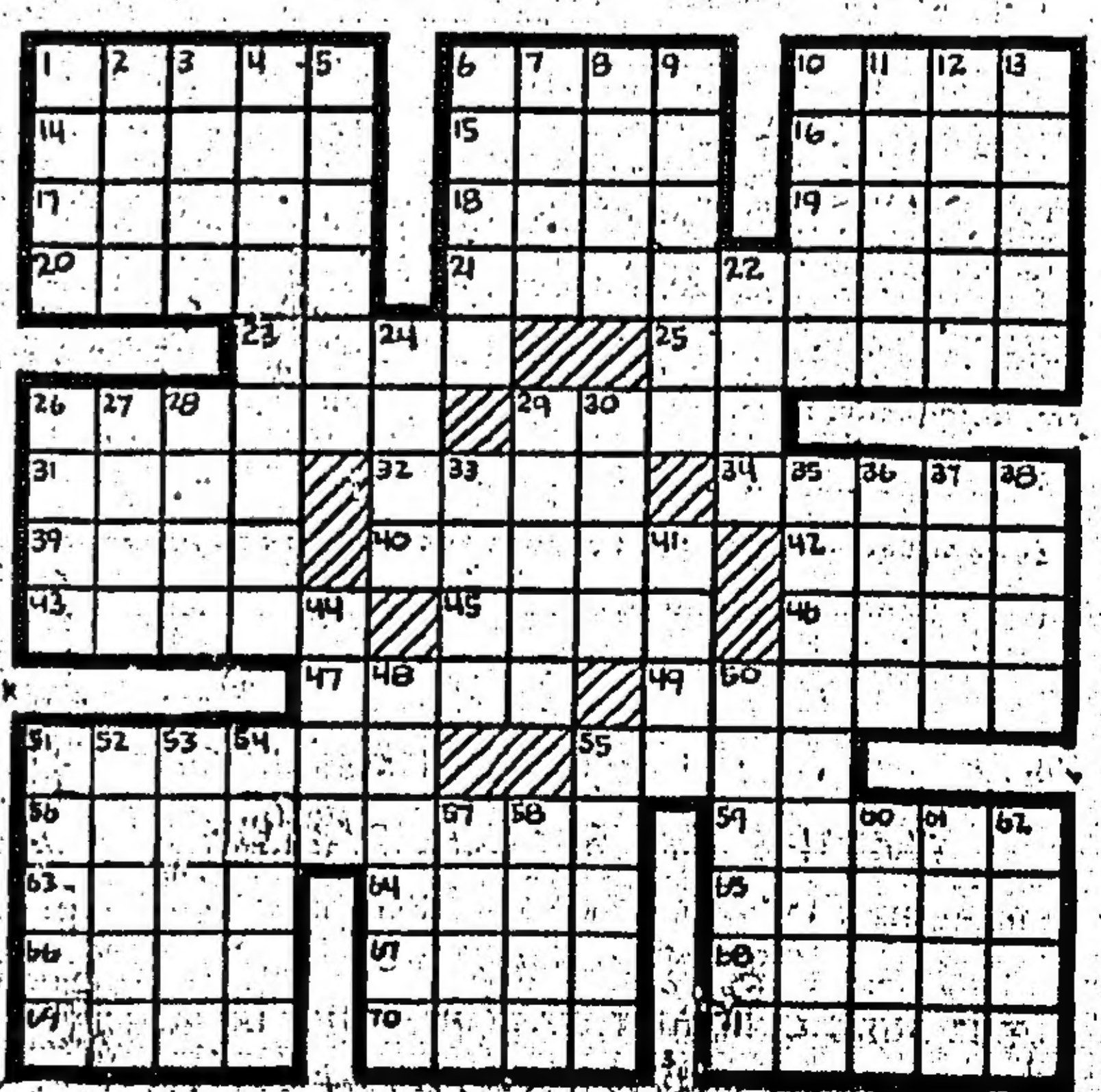
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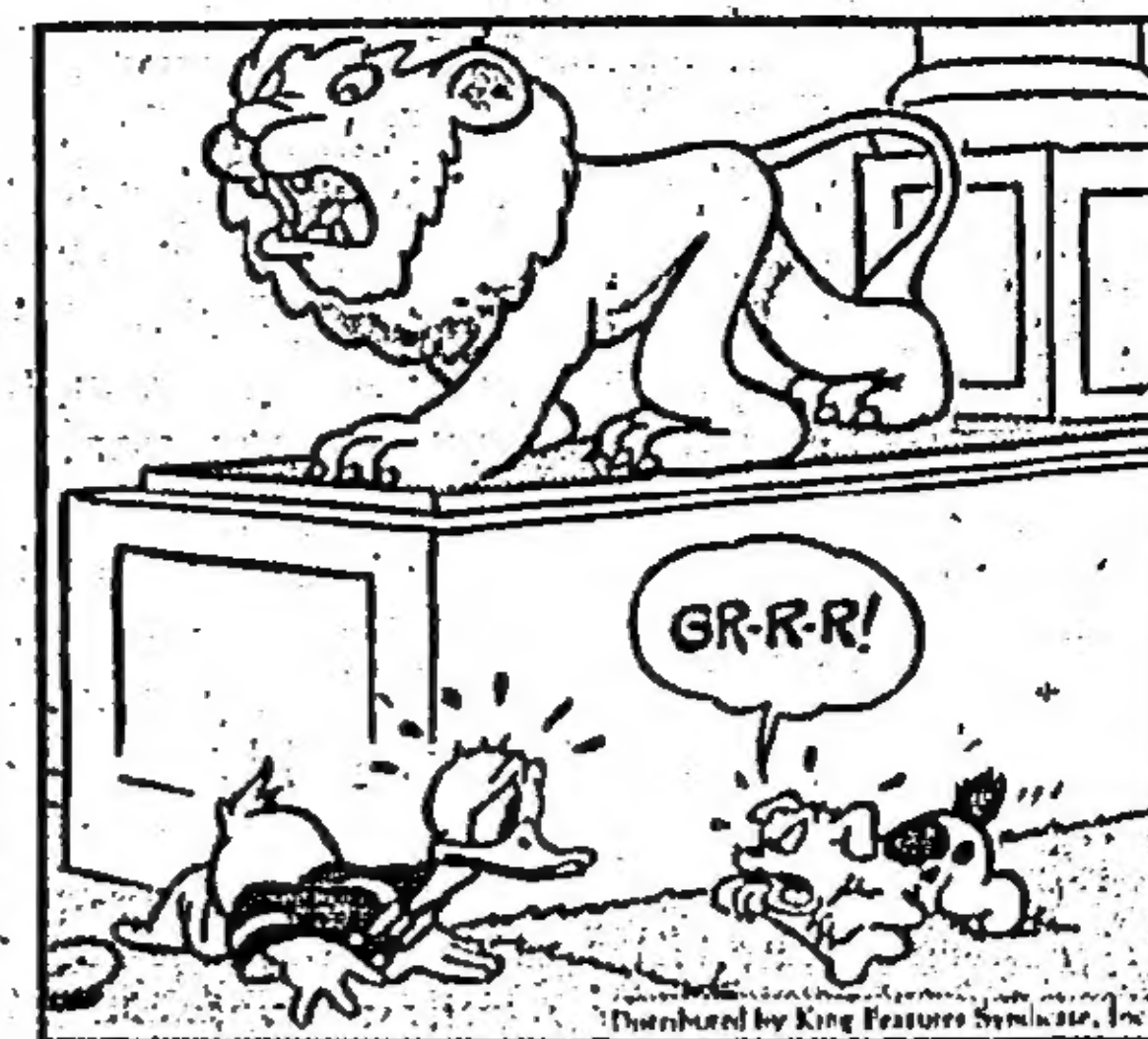
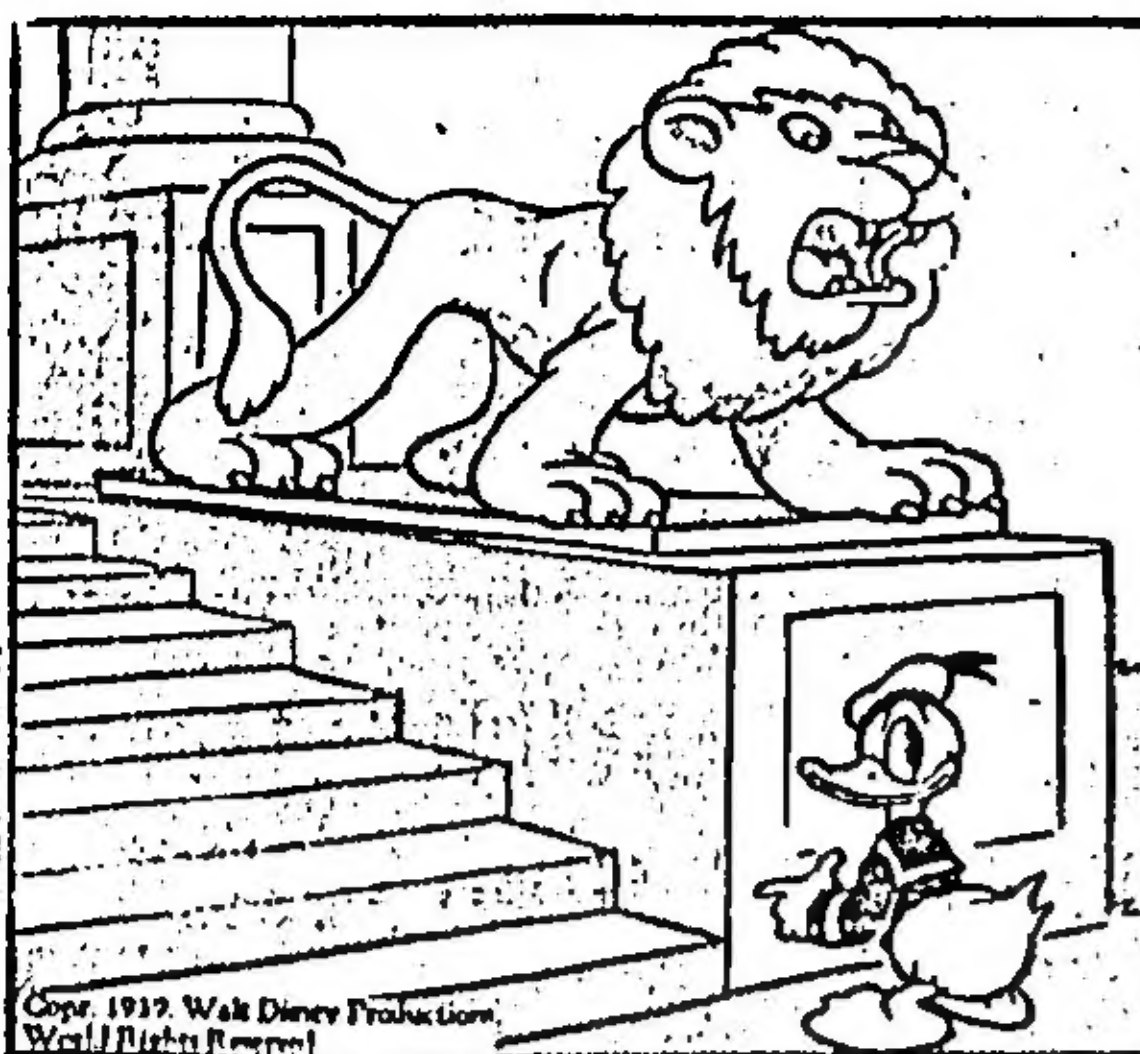
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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

1—Shall not	10—Crust on surface of	19—Kind of bear	28—Kind of bear	37—Lately (archaic)	46—Island in Philippines	55—Fluid constituent of blood	64—Things used to work	73—Particular current	82—Circular flat plate	91—Heavily incured	100—Gave to return for	109—Mischievous spirit	118—Low cards in poker	127—Deposited amount of labor imposed	136—In course, winning of all tricks in deal	145—Device for dressing	154—Product of oxidation of indigo	163—Fruit in time	172—In a little while	181—Pertaining to first principles	190—Ring-shaped coral	200—Chambers	209—Caucasian pool at rounda	218—Wireless set	227—Aristocrat mineral salt	236—Kind of seaweed	245—States lively delight	254—Shall not	263—Shall not	272—Shall not	281—Shall not	290—Shall not	299—Shall not	308—Shall not	317—Shall not	326—Shall not	335—Shall not	344—Shall not	353—Shall not	362—Shall not	371—Shall not	380—Shall not	389—Shall not	398—Shall not	407—Shall not	416—Shall not	425—Shall not	434—Shall not	443—Shall not	452—Shall not	461—Shall not	470—Shall not	479—Shall not	488—Shall not	497—Shall not	506—Shall not	515—Shall not	524—Shall not	533—Shall not	542—Shall not	551—Shall not	560—Shall not	569—Shall not	578—Shall not	587—Shall not	596—Shall not	605—Shall not	614—Shall not	623—Shall not	632—Shall not	641—Shall not	650—Shall not	659—Shall not	668—Shall not	677—Shall not	686—Shall not	695—Shall not	704—Shall not	713—Shall not	722—Shall not	731—Shall not	740—Shall not	749—Shall not	758—Shall not	767—Shall not	776—Shall not	785—Shall not	794—Shall not	803—Shall not	812—Shall not	821—Shall not	830—Shall not	839—Shall not	848—Shall not	857—Shall not	866—Shall not	875—Shall not	884—Shall not	893—Shall not	902—Shall not	911—Shall not	920—Shall not	929—Shall not	938—Shall not	947—Shall not	956—Shall not	965—Shall not	974—Shall not	983—Shall not	992—Shall not	1001—Shall not
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SAPPERS APPEAL

Two Men Succeed While Two Others Fail

Four Chinese sappers of the Royal Engineers figured in two appeals against sentences before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor in the Appeal Court yesterday.

Appellant in the first case was Sapper Ho Yau, and he appealed against sentence of six months' hard labour imposed by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest, First Magistrate, on a charge of assault occasioning grievous bodily harm. Complainant was Tam Sing, and it was stated that the assault took place in Lockhart Road on March 6.

Mr. Peter H. Sin, for appellant, said the appeal was brought on the ground that there was no evidence to support the conviction. He asked the Court to disregard the notes which the Magistrate had put at the end of the depositions, because they were inserted after the appeal had been lodged.

His Lordship remarked that the notes referred to were not depositions, and in any case they were immaterial. Complainant had stated that the hole in his jacket was made by a knife, and it was therefore proper to infer that the cut he had received in the arm was made by such a weapon.

Mr. Sin submitted that in a criminal case no such inference could be made. Without the notes there was no evidence of wounding, and because the jacket was cut it could not be inferred that the skin was broken.

Counsel then quoted authorities to show that a wound was a wound. He contended that the continuity of the skin must be broken before it could be regarded as a wound; a mere scratch even though the bone underneath might be broken, was not enough. Complainant had stated that he had never seen appellant before stabbing him, but there was no evidence that the skin was broken or that any blood had come out of the wound. It might very well have been a bruise. Further, there was no medical evidence as to the nature of the injury, and an Indian constable had testified that when he approached the parties the complainant had made no mention of having been stabbed.

Ample Evidence

Mr. J. B. Prentiss, Assistant Crown Solicitor, submitted that there was ample evidence to show that the complainant had been cut in the arm and chest. The Magistrate was perfectly justified in making the note that a blood stained vest with a hole in it had been produced, and to infer from that that there had been a cut with a knife.

After commenting that the Magistrate was perfectly entitled to make notes referred to, his Lordship said the case was unsatisfactory as the police evidence was extremely scanty, no knife had been produced, nor was there any evidence to show that appellant had such a weapon. However, his duty was only to find whether there was sufficient evidence to justify the conviction, and in this respect he found there had been an expressed statement by complainant that a knife had been used and that the use of such weapon had resulted in cuts in the arm and chest, as well as references to stabbing. In his view there was clear evidence of a wound, and the appeal must therefore be dismissed.

Sentences Altered

The other appeal was brought by Sappers Wong Tim, Kwok Chung, 23, and Lo Kam-po, 25, who were each sentenced to three months' hard labour by Mr. Forrest for having in their possession jack-knives fit for an unlawful purpose.

Mr. Sin submitted that the sentence was manifestly excessive and wrong in principle. The sentence imposed was the maximum and this, in his opinion, was too severe especially in view of the fact that there was no evidence that appellants had been involved in any fight or disturbance, and they were allowed to carry the knives whilst in barracks. The only

evidence was that they were found carrying the weapons in Wanchai on March 6.

Continuing, Mr. Sin contended that the principle under which the sentence was passed was wrong. There must be some proportion between the punishment and the crime, he said, and quoted authorities to show that severe sentences for trivial offences were not justified in the absence of any aggravating circumstances.

In the present case, the offence was extremely trivial. The men were entitled to carry the knives in barracks, and it was only by accident that they were found to have possession of the weapons outside the compound. Curiously enough, the Magistrate did not inquire from Capt. Matthews, the Commanding Officer, who was in Court, as to the character of the men, nor was Sub-Inspector Darkin, who had charge of the case, asked what he knew of them as the result of inquiries.

Respectability Plea

If the Magistrate had done so he would undoubtedly have treated the appellants as respectable members of His Majesty's Forces instead of thinking they were a gang of blood-thirsty hoodlums.

His Lordship remarked that according to the depositions it seemed to him that the offence against the third appellant was much graver than the other two. The first two appellants had stated that they did not know the Army regulations, while the third said he carried the knife because he thought there would be a "free-for-all."

"I do feel," continued His Lordship, "and feel strongly that so far as the first two appellants were concerned, though they are only appealing against sentence—the only offence which they committed was an offence against the Army regulations. They might be punished by their own authorities, but this does not come within the jurisdiction of the Magistrate."

His Lordship then quashed the sentences against the first two appellants, and substituted a term of 31 days, which meant their immediate discharge.

In the case of the third appellant, the appeal was dismissed.

A. R. P. WARDEN COURSES

A.R.P. Warden courses have been arranged as follows: English Classes: La Salle College, Kowloon, every Tuesday and Friday at 6 p.m., commencing on Tuesday, April 18; Diocesan Girls School, Kowloon, every Tuesday and Friday at 6 p.m., commencing on Tuesday, April 18.

First Aid—A.R.P. Y.M.C.A. Salisbury Road, Kowloon, every Monday at 11 a.m., commencing on Monday, April 17.

Chinese Classes: Tai Tung School, Kak Hang Tsau Road, Kowloon, every Tuesday and Friday at 7 p.m., commencing on Tuesday, April 11. (The first lecture has already been held, but a resume of it will be given to candidates on April 14).

Tung Mui Middle School, 127 Heard Street, Wanchai, every Monday and Thursday at 7 p.m., commencing on Monday, April 17. In addition, it is proposed to hold a course for English-speaking residents at the Club Lusitano, Ice House Street, Hongkong.

PERTH RETIRING

British Ambassador In Rome at Age Limit

Rome, Apr. 13. The British Ambassador in Rome, Lord Perth, who is leaving the diplomatic scene after tending the age limit, will, it is stated, take his departure from the Italian capital in about 10 days.

Lord Perth, who as Sir Eric Drummond was formerly the Secretary-General of the League of Nations, has been Ambassador in Rome since October 1933. His successor, Sir Percy Loraine, is not expected to take over the Embassy before the end of April unless unforeseen circumstances should arise.—Trans-Ocean.

Defendant's Case

European Charged In Traffic Court

Hearing of the traffic summons against A. G. Hargrave, of Imperial Chemical Industries (China) Ltd., was continued before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy yesterday, when evidence was given by defendant. The case was then adjourned until to-morrow, when Inspector S. C. Saunders, for the prosecution, and Mr. F. G. Nigel for the defence, will address the Court.

Charges of driving a car while under the influence of liquor, and driving without due care and caution, were made against Hargrave following an accident in Bonham Road on February 22 at 120 p.m., when he is alleged to have swerved when near King's College, after having been on the wrong side of the road, and to have collided with a motor-cycle driven by Woo Kam-tai.

Mr. Alfred Y. Hon held a watching brief for Woo.

Defendant, in evidence, said that he went to the Gloucester Lounge on the morning of February 22 about 11.10 a.m. and stayed there until about 1 p.m. He was with a party of friends, and during that time had taken three gin slings.

After leaving the Gloucester Lounge, he picked up his car which was parked near a Swatow lace shop, and drove from there up to Bonham Strand.

He was driving on the left centre of the road when he noticed the motor-cycle about 20 yards ahead, and which appeared to be on his side of the road. He continued to drive on, as he expected the motor-cycle to go on to the correct side of the road. After continuing for another 10 yards the motor-cycle appeared to be still heading straight for him. He swerved left and braked, and about a split second later, there appeared to be a head-on collision.

He was doing about 12 to 15 miles an hour when he saw the motor-cycle, and was on his right side of the road.

He was slightly dazed by the collision, and was helped out of the car by a Mrs. Kirk, who took him to the Queen Mary Hospital.

Asked by Mr. Nigel the number of drinks he was in the habit of taking daily, defendant said he always took three or four whiskies in the evenings.

Drinks at Week-Ends

Are you in the habit of drinking every day in the week at lunch time?—Not every day, but three or four times a week.

At the week-ends?—Always.

That accounts for two of the four gin slings?—Yes.

Have you drunk three gin slings at midday before without serious or harmful effects?—Yes.

And have you driven a car without any serious effects?—Yes, even after drinking more than three.

Defendant concluded by saying he was able to, and did, exercise proper control over his car on the day of the accident.

Questioned by Inspector Saunders, defendant said he was in the Gloucester Lounge for about two hours that morning, and had taken three gin slings only.

He could not account for the motor-cycle appearing to make straight for his car, but he thought it had overshot the corner when taking it, and was on the wrong side of the road. The motor-cycle had made straight for him, and he had apparently left it too late before swerving aside.

Hearing was then adjourned until noon to-morrow.

CITY ROBBERY

Valuable Rings Missing From Jewellers

A robbery, remarkable for its coolness and daring, yesterday left a well-known city jeweller's store poorer by several thousands of dollars and the police with few clues.

The victims were Messrs. Falconer and Company, of Pedder Street, and their loss comprised three platinum and diamond rings worth \$400.

Little is known of how the rings were stolen, but they were discovered missing some time after three Chinese, who had entered the shop and discussed the price of a watch one of them wished to purchase, had left. The incident occurred about 3 p.m. During the time the three customers were in the shop nothing unusual was noticed by any of the shop assistants, and all are mystified at the way the rings had apparently been spirited away.

Police are making enquiries.

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

April 14, 1889. General opposition is arising in Germany against the proposed measures to be brought forward by Government to suppress Socialism, and especially the liberties of the press.

25 YEARS AGO

April 14, 1914. A strong feeling of protest was aroused in Canterbury at the decision of the Prison Commission to recommend that execution for Kent take place in the Cathedral City instead of, as at present, in the assize town of Maidstone. At a meeting, which resolved to send a deputation from the city to the Home Secretary, Dean Wace objected to Kent being made the Newgate of Kent. (The protest proved successful.—Ed.)

10 YEARS AGO

April 14, 1929. Hongkong yesterday lost one of its most popular residents when Mr. C. H. Blanton, of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, left for home by the P. and O. s.s. Naharna after more than 30 years' residence in the Colony.

5 YEARS AGO

April 14, 1934. William Powell, Ltd., Messrs. long establishments in Hongkong for gentlemen's wear, are moving from the present premises in Queen's Road to the new building which has been erected in Ice House Street.

Messrs. Swan, Culbertson and Fritz, who are at present housed in Asia Life Building, will then take over the premises to be vacated by Messrs. William Powell.

Full acknowledgment of their right to control competitive swimming in the Colony has been expressed by the Shanghai Amateur Swimming Association, whose co-operation has been requested by the northern body with a view to arranging interport galas in the future.

EVIDENCE CONFLICTS

Magistrate Discharges Accused Man

Because of contradictory evidence given by witnesses for the prosecution, two charges of travelling on a motor bus without paying his fare, brought against Chan Wing-cheung, described as assistant manager of the Universal Trading Company, Percival Street, were dismissed by Mr. J. T. Lock at the Central Magistracy yesterday.

The prosecution alleged that Chan boarded China Motor bus No. 642 outside the Star Ferry wharf, on March 24 at 4.45 p.m. As the bus was full, Chan stood in the first-class compartment.

When the bus was near Arsenal Street, in Wanchai, a ticket inspector entered the vehicle and asked the passengers for their tickets. When he came to Chan, the latter said he had a monthly ticket, but was unable to produce it.

The Inspector asked the conductor why Chan had not bought a ticket; the conductor said that on the previous day Chan was on the same bus and mentioned that he possessed a monthly ticket.

Chan was taken to Wanchai station, where he was charged.

Lau Shiu-tuen, the bus conductor, corroborated the opening statement.

Difficult to Collect. Cross-examined by Mr. C. D'Almeida, representing Chan, Lau said it was difficult at times to reach some passengers when a bus was full. He did not know that Chan was formerly a bus conductor employed by the China Motor Bus Co.

Yuen Chi, Inspector, said he asked Chan for a ticket, and he said he had a monthly ticket. Chan was unable to produce it, and asked to be pardoned.

Leung Lam, assistant in the bus department of the Bus Company, said Chan was brought to him by Yuen, who said he had travelled on a bus without paying his fare. Leung stated that he did not pardon Chan, as this was not the first time.

Witness said that on March 23, Tsang Lau, an employee of the company, saw Chan not to Lau, giving the impression that he had a ticket.

MOCK AIR RAID

Bombers Fly Over Italian Capital

Rome, Apr. 13. The first of to-day's series of mock air raids started at 10.15 a.m. when sirens were sounded all over the city announcing the approach of "enemy planes."

In accordance with the regulations posted throughout the city during the past fortnight, (the streets were immediately cleared of all pedestrians, vehicles halted and passengers ran for cover.

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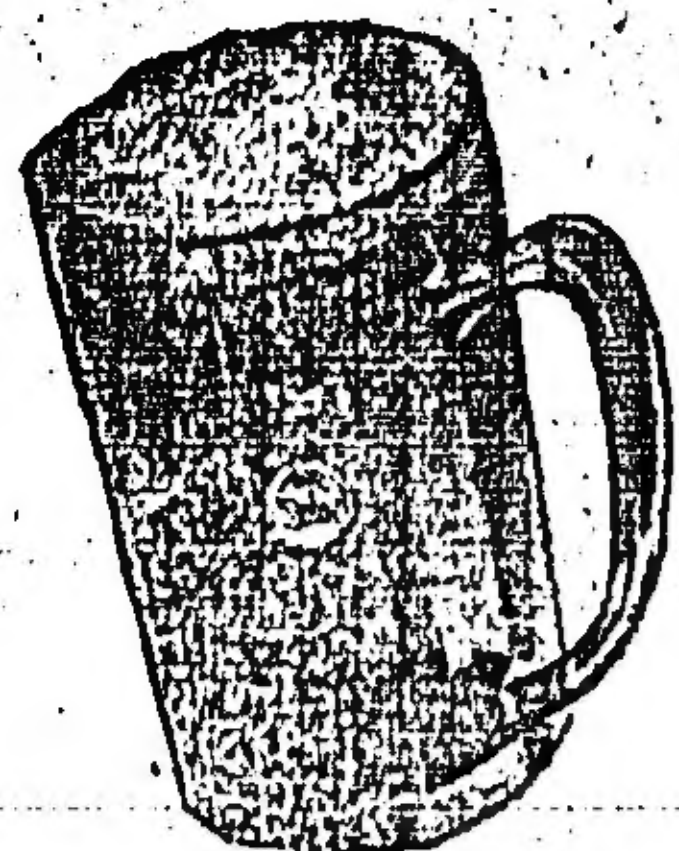
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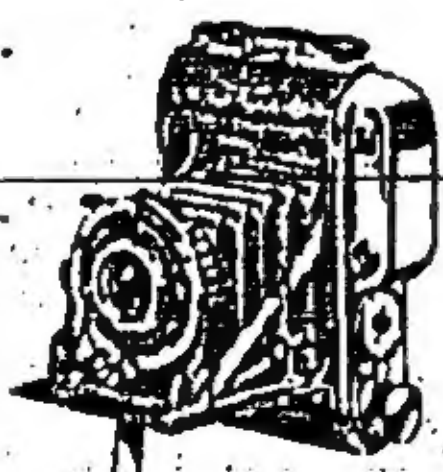
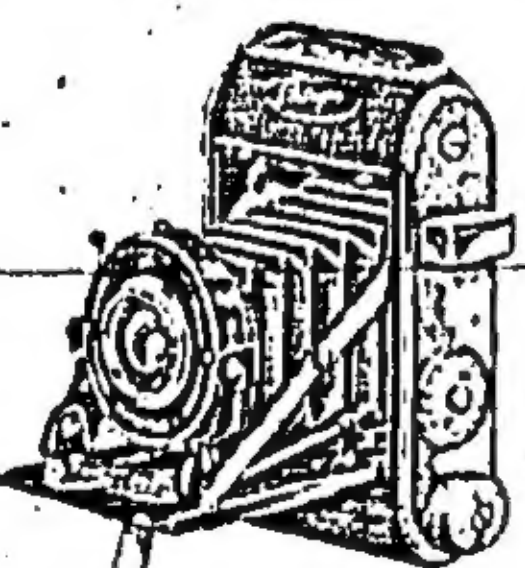
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Gathering The News

ONE disturbing fact has emerged from the crises of the past six months. That is the apparent blindness of the British Foreign Office to what was impending.

The Foreign Minister, Lord Halifax, could not have chosen a more inopportune moment, from his point of view, in which to castigate news agencies and the correspondents of London newspapers who told readers that Hitler would march into Czechoslovakia on March 15.

Lord Halifax announced on March 11—his announcement was carried to Hongkong by "Reuters"—that the international outlook had distinctly improved and that newspapers were scaremongering. The skies were blue—until the bolt came. And no Department was, seemingly, more astonished than the Foreign Office.

The newspapers reported a week beforehand that the next move would be in Memel. Their announcement was depicted as an official speculation. But they were right.

The newspapers gave warning four days beforehand that Italy would march into Albania. Here in Hongkong we received protests for publishing such speculation. But the news agencies which supplied us with the news knew more, apparently, than the British Government, which, as Mr. Chamberlain admitted last night, relied on assurances to the contrary by Count Ciano.

Lord Halifax was undoubtedly right when he said that newspapers have a heavy responsibility. But newspapers, especially those separated from events as far as we in Hongkong are, have learned that more credence can be placed on reports emanating from news agencies, and especially American news agencies, than from the spokesmen of the British Government.

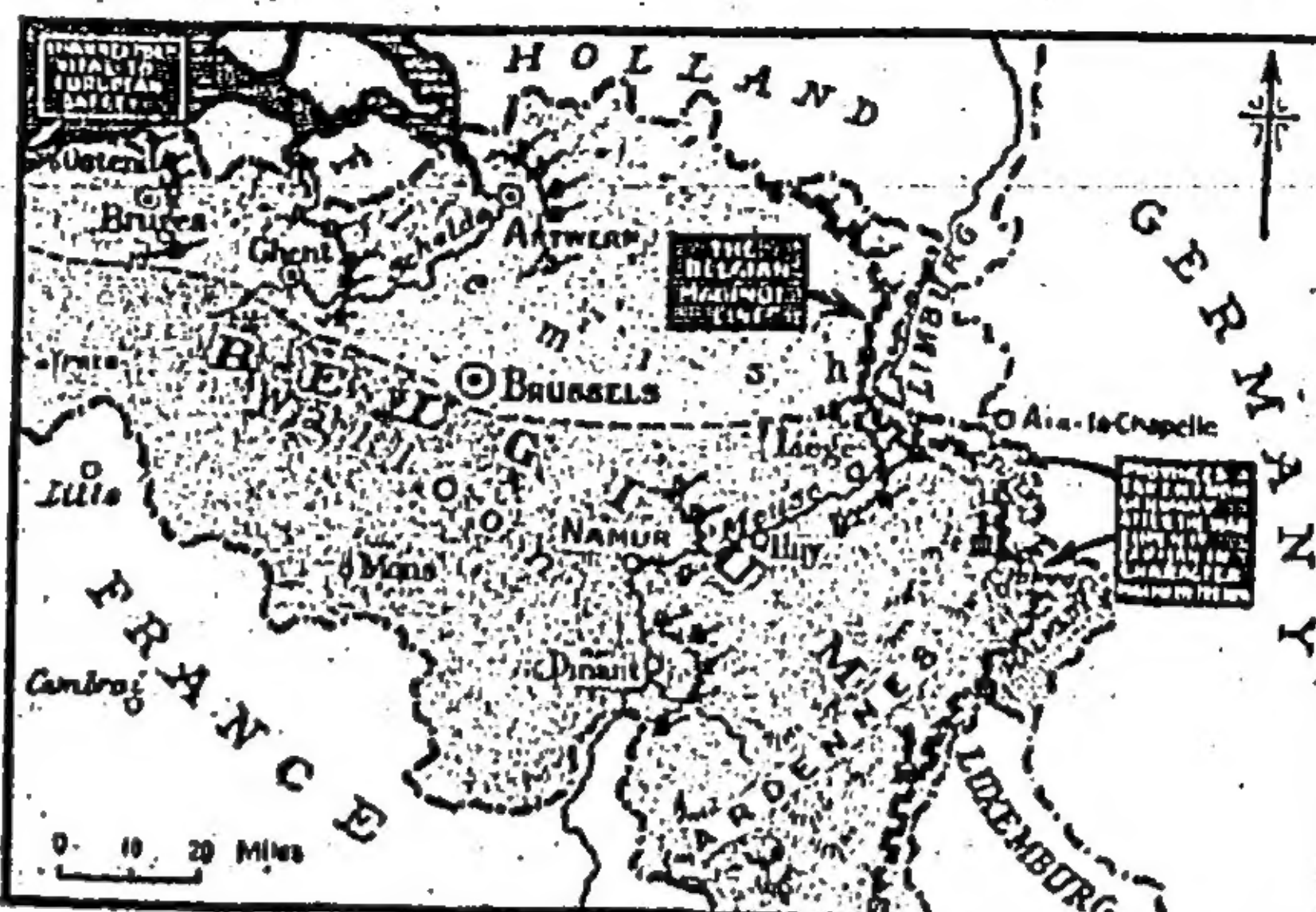
The responsibility of a newspaper to publish only official, or officially inspired, reports of international developments surely ends when, as has happened time and again, they discover that those sources of information do not represent what is happening.

The British Secret Service spends something like £500,000 per annum in ferreting out the secrets of other countries. Doubtless, the information supplied to the British Government is illuminating. If it is on a par with the official representations that have been made for public consumption through the Press, it is also inaccurate.

Fortunately, modern newspapers and news agencies spend equally or even more lavishly for their information on the same subject. That has been one of the secrets of their successes in the past six months.

We do not believe we would best serve the interests of our readers were we to voluntarily censor or "tone down" the reports we receive from News Agencies, excepting, of course, from those agencies who are frankly nationally propagandist. If the British Government attaches so much weight to the speculations and forecasts of its Secret Service that it appropriates, without question, over half a million pounds for the continuance of this service, we are equally justified in attaching weight

Belgium has a new Government after six weeks of wrangling and crisis. Why has there been so much fuss about the political situation in this tiny Kingdom? Surely they've had elections before and anyway, it's purely a question for Belgians, isn't it?



THE TWO "RACES" IN BELGIUM

EUROPE'S statesmen keenly watched the electoral crisis in little Belgium.

First, Foreign Minister Georges Bonnet watched on behalf of France; and you may as well know that Bonnet is not highly thought of in Belgium.

However, France was concerned, because ever since King Leopold started the neutrality movement in 1936, Belgium has passed out of the sphere of French influence.

France did not believe that the neutrality plan worked both ways until the September crisis, when the Belgians, prepared to defend their neutrality, rushed troops to the French as well as to the German frontier.

I can now tell you that to the French frontier the Belgians sent 150,000 men, roughly half the number they mobilised.

They meant business, too, blew-up houses—to get proper sights for their artillery. This was denied in the Belgian Chamber. One night I had them blown up.

A twist in this election may have altered that attitude, so M. Bonnet watched.

HELPED THE GERMANS

GERMANY was interested, too, for out of this struggle, they hoped, would emerge a stronger, more violent autonomist movement—among the Flemish, one of the two races that go to make up Belgium. But they were disappointed for the pro-Germans were routed.

The Flemish are Teutonic, like the Germans, and the Germans, bitten with race theories, imagined that they could expect more from the Flemish than from the present mixture which includes the Walloons who are French in language, culture, and sentiment.

The Germans thought back to the war, when extremist Flemings helped the Germans as did Dr. Martens, whose nomination for the Flemish Academy of Medicine, approved by the King and his Cabinet, caused the row in Belgium.

The Germans note, however, that the Belgians have built

to the speculative comments of the correspondents of news agencies in the various capitals of Europe.

It is no idle boast to say that they have greater facilities for gathering accurate information than have diplomatic officials or secret service agents; they have certainly proven during the past six months, that either the British Secret Service has been singularly mis-informed or the British Foreign Office is releasing information to the Press with its tongue in its cheek.

If the British Foreign Office is as ill-informed as recent happenings would have us believe, the country is badly served by its representatives in the capitals of Europe. For big events to burst without any warning or premonition, except that they have been reported by the newspapers (and denied officially as "scaremongering speculation") must be bad for national stability and a danger to Britain's security.

It would be senseless to tell ourselves into a sense of false optimism simply because "political circles" or "diplomatic circles" "scaremongering speculation" must be bad for national stability and a danger to Britain's security.

Do not delude yourselves into believing that conditions in Europe are so relaxed, until the people who make it their business to find out—the news correspondents—tell you so.

a Maginot Line on their frontier, though not on the French.

BRITAIN WATCHED

WORTH nothing, too, is the fact that the mass of Flemings fought for Belgian integrity from the first days of 1914 to the end.

Britain watched because the Channel ports on the Belgian littoral have been from early days, and still are, vital to the safety of this country.

All the nations watched because a country without a stable Government for more than a month in Europe is a temptation to any nation looking for an easy victim.

IMPROVE THE NAVY "CUT"

says PHIPPS

NOT the least gratifying symptom of our re-armament drive has been the emergence of a sleeker, more stream-lined Mr. Atkins.

For a year or so now—the War Office's battery of designers and courtiers has been working tirelessly on Mr. Atkins' uniform. Countless experimental ensembles have been run up, and as quickly run down again. Military mannishness have endured thousands of pin-pricks in the scope of their employment, while one costume after another was rejected as being too bouffant, too insouciant or just the wrong bit too demure for active service.

Now at long last the Maison Bell-sha is ready with its Spring Collection, and the new models will be issued to the excited soldiery in the very near future.

YOU have probably seen photographs of the new Mark Something or other two-piece—whichever ourselves is to be called "Moonglow." And we think you will agree with us that it is utterly, utterly soigné, with its cuffs and snugly suggested pockets for maps and field dressings.

But pondering Bent Atkins of 1939 a sudden pang assailed us. With all this fuss about the re-upholstered Land Forces, everybody seems to have forgotten the Senior Service. What do the silent watchdogs of the Navy, the heirs of Drake and Nelson, feel about it all?

Tradition, admittedly, insists that sailors don't care; but in his case they'd be supermen if they didn't feel just the tiniest bit hurt, as they tell about in the same old spinnaker trousers and art-striped collaring. The Navy, we know, being made steadily more comfortable, (Lulu is constantly being revised and im-

PEACE in the MEDITERRANEAN

Says

SIR CHAS. HARRINGTON
EX-GOVERNOR OF GIBRALTAR

MANY people think Gibraltar is an island with a rock on it, but it isn't—it is a little bit of Spain which has belonged to England for very many years, since 1704, and in my opinion will belong to England for many more.

We in Gibraltar were totally unprepared at the time of the crisis last September. It is difficult to know what the effect on Gibraltar would have been had a conflict arisen.

The French had certainly massed a large force on the Spanish Moroccan border and might quite likely have taken Ceuta and Tetuan. In fact, at that time General Franco was bringing troops back from Spain hurriedly to Spanish Morocco.

My information, for what it was worth, was that General Franco had wished to be neutral, but that Herr Hitler had told him he could be but that he would use his bombers from Spanish aerodromes, and I think it quite likely that if the French had jumped Ceuta he would have re-located, and, perhaps naturally, on Gibraltar.

I had only four anti-aircraft guns—two at each end of the Rock!

I am told that things are very different now. With unlimited money, which Sir Alexander Godley (the former Governor) and I did not experience in our time, things are improving, and Gibraltar daily grows stronger.

I am always interested when I read of all General Franco's guns which threaten Gibraltar and of all those heavy 12in. howitzers at Palay, near Algiers. To my certain knowledge these were never more than four of these great howitzers, and to my certain knowledge they had all been removed over a month before I left Gibraltar (last October): two to the Ebro front and two to Cadiz.

Two years before the crisis I had asked for gas masks, and was told that I could expect none before 1939. The Navy and Army had some, but the Colonial Service and civilians not one, and on my return to England at the end of October I passed an outgoing liner with the first gas mask!

Our relations with the Germans at Gibraltar were very interesting.

Quite recently—in fact, directly after the crisis in September and while our own Fleet was still mobilised—I received information that the German pocket battleshipDeutschland pocketed to pay a visit of courtesy.

I entertained the captain and officers to lunch.

H.M.S. Hood was in at the same time, and the liaison between the two ships was remarkable. The streets were full of our sailors and their—arm in arm; 85 per cent. of the German Navy speak English.

The cafes and cinemas were full of their sailors and ours. It was a wonderful sight, and as I told His Majesty on my return, it was a great pity those sailors could not be sent together round all the capitals of Europe.

Our sailors won't fraternise with any other nation, but they have a great respect for the German sailor, and as the Germans themselves say—they get the pick of their nation into their Navy.

NO HOSTILITY

AS regards General Franco's attitude towards Great Britain—not for one moment do I believe that any Franco gun or howitzer was installed with any hostile intention as regards Gibraltar.

I hold no brief for General Franco, but I am quite prepared to say that all the territory which I knew of which was administered by him was better administered than it was before.

I think he will install law and order in the country. For how long, it is impossible to say.

I have no doubt that the various factions, Falangists, Reguistas, Monarchists, and so on, who have held together on his side will all demand their pound of flesh.

With the end of the war his troubles do not end. Far from it.

I doubt whether the Government has a man at all who could lead it.

I am quite convinced of this, and have been for more than two years: that General Franco will not keep either German or Italian troops one moment longer than is necessary. He is sick to death of both.

He may keep a certain number of German instructors for a short while.

I have never for a moment even thought that he has ever intended to be dominated by German and Italian Forces. Concessions, yes; both those nations are bound to get concessions. Before I left any business houses becoming available in Seville and Malaga were being snapped up by Germans.

"HE WILL TURN TO US"

I REALISE the danger of that influence, but that Spain under Franco is just going to be dictated to by either Herr Hitler or Signor Mussolini I just don't believe and never have.

I quite realise the danger to us if such an event ever did take place, and I fully recognise what a difficult rôle our own Government has had throughout, and I think in the end it is quite likely that General Franco, or Spain, will be thankful to us for having kept out of it.

As things look at present, it seems to me that the sooner the German and Italian troops are removed the better for the future of Spain and of everyone. I think he will install an effective machinery, but how long he will be able to hold the country one cannot say.

I am firmly of opinion that whatever Franco may think of the British attitude and the hostility to the grant of belligerent rights and so on, when once the war is over, the one Power to whom he will turn for friendship and possibly money, will be our England. We should then see Gibraltar and the Western Mediterranean back to normal.



"BUT I prefer it starched, Admiral... it keeps my neck warm."

locker and a not more than half-cocked hat in lieu of the usual.

All the ceremonial gilt would have to go, of course—the epaulettes becoming flash-fitting, oxidised hooks by which the Admiral, in these days of mechanisation, could be slung about from davits, derricks and so on.

It might be a wrench, perhaps, to say good-bye to the full-dress sword. But, as in the modernising of Messrs. Atkins, so it should be with the sea-dog; utility before beauty. The sword formerly occupied by the sword might be devoted to a neatly rolled rubber knif—labelled, naturally, "Admiral or 6 ratings."

The above modifications could be carried right down the scale of officers, with certain variations in detail. Paymaster-Commanders, for instance, would have a large cash-register and delivery chute incorporated in the trouser leg, while Surgeon-Commanders' uniform must include a self-compensating stethoscope rack.

COMING down to the A.B.s, the problem is a little more difficult. One alteration we'd be tempted to make, however, would be to remove the name of the ship from the sailors' hats. It gives the girls their address right at the start.

Again, the existing trousers are manifestly too wide. Afloat they admit sales from every point of the compass, and ashore they are apt to trip up the excessively Jolly Tar on the stairs which, for a man with a wife in every port is highly inconvenient. We should substitute a pair of ski-ing pants, closing neatly at the ankle, but zipping up for hornpipes when required.

Oh, yes, one last thing: slide-action, collapsible countersunk parrot cogs under the left arm—and don't tell the Marines.

OVERNIGHT NEWS PAGE

War Risk Rates

New York, Apr. 13. Substantial new increases in war risk insurance rates between the United States and Europe are taking effect immediately. Rates to and from the Far East via Suez are also increased. —Reuter.

Balkans Tension

RUMANIA, HUNGARY SITUATION

Bucharest, Apr. 13. Tension in Rumania and Hungary has increased, causing Bucharest to strengthen further its forces on the western border. The renewed tension appears to originate from the violent attacks in the Hungarian press, including an article in which Hungary is said to claim the city of Brashov, which is almost exactly in the centre of post-war Rumania. —United Press.

SOVIET FLEET ACTION

Istanbul, Apr. 13. It became known here last night that twelve units of the Russian navy have passed through the Bosphorus on their way to the Mediterranean. All vessels sailed under cover of night. The squadron is said to be composed of light and heavy cruisers and destroyers belonging to the Soviet Black Sea fleet. Their names have not been revealed. —Trans-Ocean.

Soviet Fleet Plans

Istanbul, Apr. 13. Maritime circles declare that four Soviet destroyers and four submarines have gone through the Dardanelles since Sunday on their way to reinforce the Soviet Far Eastern fleet. —United Press.

FRENCH GESTURE

Bucharest, Apr. 13. The French Government has officially informed the Rumanian Government that the French Legation in Bucharest has been raised to the status of an Embassy, and at the same time asked for an agreement for the new Ambassador, namely the present Minister in Bucharest, M. Thierry. —Trans-Ocean.

South Africa

Fights Shy Of Albanian Issue

Capetown, Apr. 13. At the re-assembly of the South African Parliament yesterday, the Prime Minister, General Hertzog, replying to the question of the Nationalist leader, Dr. Malan, as to whether it was correct that the new policy of the British Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, had the support of the South African Government, said that the Dominions were not bound by the European engagements of England. General Hertzog added that a debate on foreign political affairs dominated by Dr. Malan would not serve any useful purpose. The affairs of Poland, Albania and their neighbours did not directly concern the South African Union and General Hertzog did not wish that South Africa should be drawn into a conflict. —Trans-Ocean.

SUBMARINE TUNNEL

To Link Shimonoseki And Moji, in Japan

Shimonoseki, Apr. 13. An epoch-making engineering project in the history of railway construction is nearing completion as the submarine tunnel to link Shimonoseki, at the western end of the main island, with Moji at the northern tip of Kyushu will be opened on April 20, following two years of hazardous operations through the seabed. Remarkable progress has been made during the past months in the two-year-old submarine construction and on April 12 there were only 80 metres yet to be pushed through. The tunnel nearing completion, two metres in diameter, will form the basis on which the main two-storied submarine corridor will be constructed to accommodate trains and other means of transport. —Domei.

Spelling Bee

HOW many of these words are correct and what is wrong with the others?
 enslave, utilitarian, worsted, usquebaugh, weed, urethence, English, Oxford, Diction, spellings of these words will be found on page 6.

PREMIER MAKES HIS SPEECH

BACKGROUND TO PRESENT CRISIS: CORFU TENSION

Continued From Page One

The Premier said that the events which brought the House back had created widespread uneasiness and disquiet, especially in the Eastern Mediterranean. He proceeded to give a narrative of the events. Mr. Chamberlain declared that accounts of the events in Albania were conflicting and sometimes one-sided. The background to these events showed a similar divergence of testimony. He proceeded to read detailed and conflicting reports from Italian and Albanian sources.

Albania's Appeal

Mr. Chamberlain said that on April 8 the Albanian Minister appealed to the British Government to do its utmost in aid of a small nation desperately trying to defend its own territory. There was no doubt as to the general effect produced by the Italian action in Albania. Public opinion throughout the world has been profoundly shocked by a fresh exhibition of the use of force.

Rightly or wrongly the stories of oppression of Italians in Albania were regarded with doubt and suspicion. A powerful nation had imposed its will on a small and relatively defenceless country by an imposing show of armed force.

The Premier detailed the representations in emphatic terms by Britain to the Italian Government and of repeated British attempts to obtain information on Italian intentions.

He announced a pledge of support against aggression to Greece and Rumania. France, he added, concurred in this.

The Agreement

"In the country there is one question we are bound to ask ourselves, and that is how far are the proceedings in Albania in conformity with the Anglo-Italian agreement." Recalling the preamble to the agreement, Mr. Chamberlain said, "I am sure it will be felt in this country and in the world that the action taken by the Italians in Albania, so far from contributing to the general cause of peace and security, must inevitably be a cause for further uneasiness and increase international tension."

In regard to the status quo in the Mediterranean as set out in the agreement, Mr. Chamberlain said, "It is with these considerations in mind that Lord Perth in Rome and Lord Halifax in London made it clear that the situation might well raise in an acute form the whole question of maintenance of the status quo—a matter which formed so important an element in the Anglo-Italian agreement." "The Adriatic is certainly a part of the Mediterranean and the Italian Government cannot claim that we are not concerned."

Ciano's Assurance

The Premier recalled that on April 7 Count Ciano stated that the Italian Government fully intended to respect the independence and integrity of Albania and the status quo in the Mediterranean. On April 13, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, had the support of the South African Government, said that the Dominions were not bound by the European engagements of England. General Hertzog added that a debate on foreign political affairs dominated by Dr. Malan would not serve any useful purpose. The affairs of Poland, Albania and their neighbours did not directly concern the South African Union and General Hertzog did not wish that South Africa should be drawn into a conflict. —Trans-Ocean.

Frank Explanation

Lord Perth had told Count Ciano that Britain felt they were entitled to the frankest and fullest explanation regarding the Albanian situation and Italy's future intentions. Lord Perth added that the explanations had caused His Majesty's Government profound misgiving and "would not satisfy public opinion in this country." (Cheers.)

"When pressed by Lord Perth to state Italy's future intentions Count Ciano stated, 'These would depend upon the wishes of the Albanian people.'"

"Mr. Chamberlain added, 'It is clear from the latest news that the Albanian Provincial Administrative Council has now offered the crown to the King of Italy. We must await the acquiescence of the Italian Government to this offer.' Whatever the outcome, His Majesty's Government find it difficult in the extreme to reconcile what happened in Albania with what was contemplated by the Anglo-Italian Agreement."

It is not only the future of Albania that is at stake. (Cheers.) The sense of disquiet and uneasiness has been felt not only in adjacent areas but in other countries bordering on the Mediterranean or included in the Balkan Peninsula. I will not trouble the House with elaborate details, but I will give proof of this fact.

Question Of Corfu

When the Italian Charge d'Affaires saw Lord Halifax on April 11 he told him, among other things, that Greece and Yugoslavia were perfectly calm. Later, in an interview Lord

Halifax informed the Italian Charge d'Affaires that the British Government had no intention of occupying Corfu, but would take a very grave view if anybody else occupied it. (Cheers.)

Later we learned from the British Minister at Athens that the information had reached the Greek Government that Italy was intending to occupy Corfu in the near future, and this information was subsequently confirmed by the Greek Minister in London.

Lord Halifax saw the Italian Charge d'Affaires and told him of these reports, and the latter said he had no hesitation in saying it was absolutely impossible that they were correct, and on his own responsibility gave an assurance that this was not the policy of his Government.

Lord Halifax, while welcoming the assurance, said it was absolutely vital there be no misunderstanding between the two Governments on this point.

Now Assurance

After describing how the Italian Charge d'Affaires had given him a personal assurance that Italy had no intention of occupying Corfu, the Premier went on to say:

"Later the same day, the Italian Charge d'Affaires called with a message from Signor Mussolini, and gave a renewed assurance that Italy intended to respect the territorial and insular integrity of Greece."

"This particular story (respecting Corfu) has now been discredited, yet, as I said on a previous occasion, once confidence is shaken it is not easily re-established. His Majesty's Government feels that it has both a duty and a service to perform by leaving no doubt in the mind of anybody as to its position."

"I therefore take this opportunity of saying that His Majesty's Government attaches the greatest importance to the avoidance of disturbance by threats of force, or threats in the status quo of the Mediterranean and the Balkan Peninsula."

Meet War With War

"Consequently, the Government has come to the conclusion that in the event of any action which clearly threatened the independence of Greece and Rumania, and which the Greek and Rumanian Governments respectively consider vital to resist by their national forces, His Majesty's Government would feel itself bound at once to lend the Greek and Rumanian Governments all the support in its power. (Cheers.)

"We are giving this declaration to the governments concerned, and to others. I understand the French Government is making a similar declaration."

Dominions' Support

"The Dominion governments, as always, are being continually informed of all the developments. I only want to add one or two observations. 'So far as I am concerned, nothing that has happened has altered my conviction that the policy of His Majesty's Government in signing the Anglo-Italian agreement a year ago was right. (Cheers.) I don't say that in order to raise a controversy, but in order to avoid misunderstanding in my present attitude."

"I frankly confess deep disappointment in the action of the Italian Government. No doubt, some will say that we should now declare the Anglo-Italian agreement to be at an end, but I don't take that view. 'Nobody with a sense of responsibility can, in these days, lightly do anything which would lead to increased international tension. I believe, therefore, that there is a widespread desire to see the fulfilment of the provisions of that agreement, and naturally, in view of recent events, it is to the Italian Government that I look for practical evidence that they share that desire. (Cheers.)

Italians In Spain

"Reference has been made to the evacuation of Italian volunteers from Spain. During the course of the recent exchanges, we were informed that the Italians would be withdrawn after the Madrid victory parade. The Government always regarded the withdrawal of Italian volunteers from Spain as a vital element of the Anglo-Italian agreement."

"We have exercised patience for a long period in spite of the many disturbances in our efforts to remove suspicion, promote goodwill, and to keep the peace, and I am not willing to believe these efforts won't bear fruit."

"I hope Members will not assume that because I have not mentioned Russia that we are not keeping in close touch with the representatives of Russia. We have a very difficult task to perform. We have to consider not only what we wish, but also what the people are willing to do. I ask the House to believe, without any prejudice, and without any preconceived ideological notions, we are endeavouring to the utmost of our ability to marshal the forces which still favour peace."

Stiffen Attitude

"I say to-day, that we must stiffen our resolution, not only to make our-

More London Explosions

London, Apr. 13. Explosions occurred in 11 public conveniences in London and the provinces yesterday. The cause of all the blasts was a new "chemical bomb" made from carbide.

Six explosions occurred in London at widely separated points. Four occurred in Coventry and one at Birmingham. Nobody was injured and little damage was done. —Reuter.

Spain

Withdrawal From League Soon

Rome, Apr. 13. A press report from Spain says that the Spanish Nationalist Government will formally withdraw from the League of Nations shortly as a result of its participation in the anti-Comintern pact. —Domei.

Italian Troops

Rome, Apr. 12. An official communique issued today says that Mussolini and General Gumbard held a conference in the Venice Palace today regarding the date of withdrawal of Italian forces from Spain. —United Press.

Del Vayo For U.S.

Paris, Apr. 13. The former Spanish Foreign Minister, Sen. del Vayo, embarked on Wednesday at Le Havre on the Ile de France for New York. He refused to make a statement to the press. —Trans-Ocean.

WATER STORAGE

Monthly Returns Show Considerable Drop

The water storage in the Colony's reservoirs at the end of March showed a substantial drop as compared with that of the corresponding period last year. According to the returns issued by the Water Authority yesterday the contents in the island reservoirs at the end of last month were 735.12 million gallons as against 1,187.93 million gallons in March, 1938.

Consumption of filtered water in the City and Hill District during the month of March, including 142.75 million gallons from the mainland, was 345.25 million gallons by an estimated population of 550,000 at 26.2 gallons per head per day. This compared with a total consumption of 409.52 million gallons, including 178.77 million gallons from the mainland, during the same period last year by 445,000 persons at 29.7 gallons per head per day. In addition, 13.84 million gallons were consumed in villages (dependent on supplies) against 15.42 in March, 1938.

Mainland Figures

In Kowloon, the storage at the end of last month was 1,148.03 million gallons, compared with 2,120.02 million gallons last year.

A total of 243.98 million gallons of filtered water in Kowloon and New Kowloon, excluding Lai Chi Kok Water Boat Dock, were consumed during last March by an estimated population of 500,000 at 15.7 gallons per head per day, as against 260.99 million gallons by 380,000 persons at 22.7 gallons per head per day in 1938.

Consumption of filtered water at Lai Chi Kok Water Boat Dock during the past month was 10.27 million gallons, compared with 9.07 million gallons last year, whilst 9.05 million gallons of unfiltered water in villages (dependent on supplies) were consumed as against 7.41 million gallons.

In both Hongkong and Kowloon, only eight hours supply was provided last month, whereas in March 1938 there was a constant supply.

According to the reports from the Government Bacteriologist and Analyst, the quality of the water in Hongkong was very good, while that in Kowloon was excellent.

Rainfall

The rainfall in inches recorded during last month was: Botanical Gardens, 2.40; Tylam, Tai, 4.34; Tylam, 3.88; Wong Nei Chong, 2.93; Pokfulam, 2.72; Aberdeen, 2.93; Royal Observatory, 3.040; Shing Mun No. 1, 6.02; Shing Mun No. 2, 5.40; Shing Mun No. 3, 4.60; Kowloon No. 4, 4.37; Shek Li Pui No. 5, 4.23; Tai-po, 6.13; Fanling, 4.32, and Un Long, 5.00.

The total rainfall recorded by the Royal Observatory from the beginning of this year up to the end of March was 4,600 inches, compared with 10,785 inches during the corresponding period in 1938.

It is our duty to defend ourselves, but also to play our part in aiding with those who, if faced by aggression or threatened with the loss of their freedom, decide to resist. —Reuter.

Poland

CLEAN UP OF NAZI ELEMENTS

Warsaw, Apr. 13. It is officially announced that a score of people described as German Nazis have been arrested in different places in Western Poland. Nine were arrested for inciting hatred against Poland and insulting the Polish State or Army, while 12 men and women were arrested in the city of Posen for either organising or belonging to an association of German girls, which is said to be organised on similar lines to the Hitler maidens of Germany. —United Press.

Danzig Protest

Danzig, Apr. 13. The Danzig Government, lodged a protest with the diplomatic representative of Poland in Danzig against the practice common in the last few days of throwing handbills making attacks on the sovereignty of the Free City of Danzig out of Polish trains passing through Danzig territory.

The text of the handbills declares that God would help the Polish people so that Danzig would at last become Polish and be united with the Polish people. —Trans-Ocean.

Britain

CATHOLICS DEMAND A PARLEY

London, Apr. 13. An appeal for immediate convocation of an international peace conference is published to-day in the chief organ of the Roman Catholic Church in Great Britain.

The article, which purports to express the opinion of all British Roman Catholics, emphasises that in view of the present international tension it is necessary that concessions be made by all parties in order to reach European appeasement. —Trans-Ocean.

Abbey Announcement

London, Apr. 13. Simultaneously with the reassembling of Parliament, Westminster Abbey will be open for an act of continuous intercession, which during the September crisis lasted 17 days and nights.

In announcing this decision, the Dean says that all who will be invited to come and pray that the spirit of God may so assuage the passions and prejudices of men that nations may be led out of the night of fear and hatred into a new day of freedom, love and truth. —British Wireless.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued at 4.00 p.m. yesterday, says:

Very quiet conditions prevailed all day, resulting in a small turnover, rates generally remaining fairly steady.

Buyers	
Hongkong Bank	\$1,340
Canton Insurance	\$225
Douglas	\$68
China Light (New)	\$3
Canton Tea	\$0.95
Entertainments	\$6.40
Marsman	47 1/2
Sellers	
H.K. & K. Wharves	\$105
Dairy Farms Ex Rights	\$2 1/2
Dairy Farms Rights	\$1 1/2
Sales	
Hongkong Bank	\$1,335
Canton Insurance	\$225
H.K. Lands	\$23 1/2
H.K. Tramways	\$16,10 1/2
China Light (Old)	\$3
China Light (New)	\$3.10
H.K. Electric	\$54
Marsman	47 1/2
Antamoks	Pa. 33 1/2
Atmos	30 1/2
Burgus Gold	25
Benguet Consolidated	11.00
Coco Grove	24 1/2
Demonstrations	13 1/2
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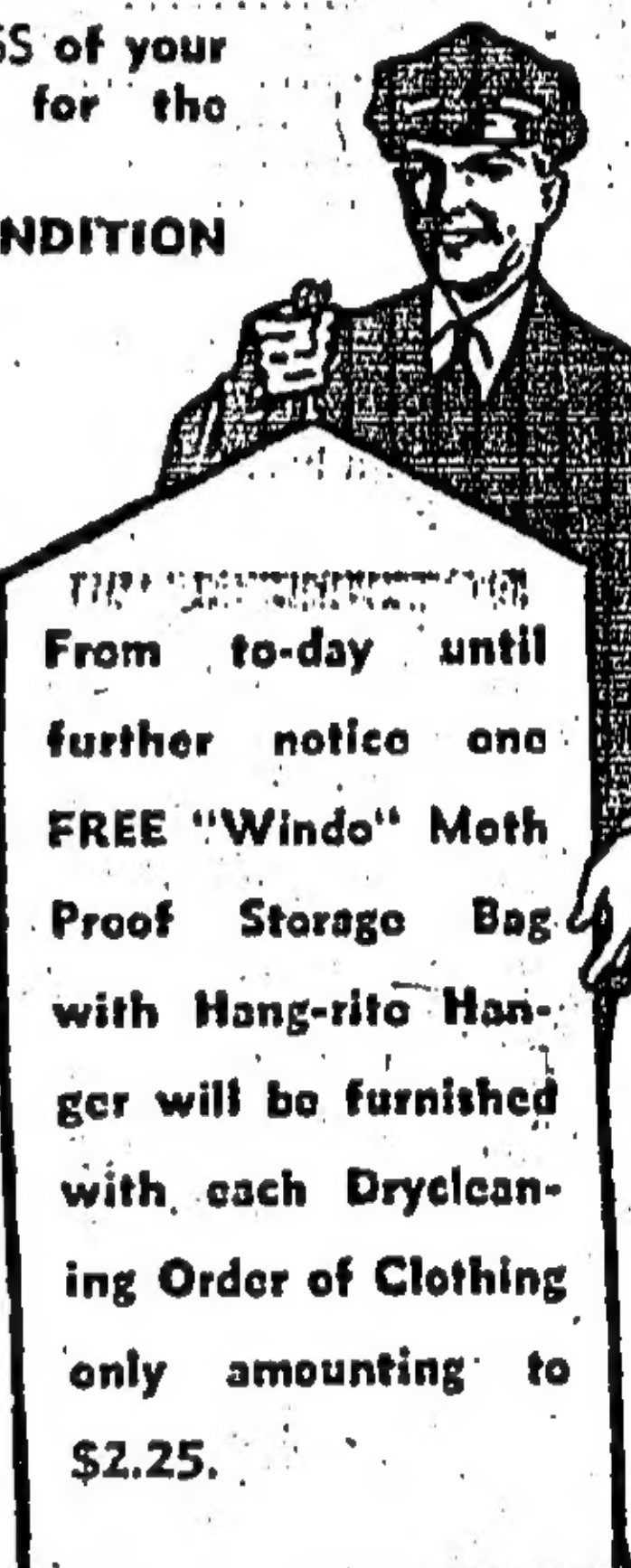
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TELEVISION FIGHT STARTS—BIG FILM GROUP DEFIES B. B. C.



Count Ludwig Salm, Austrian nobleman impoverished by reverses since Germany annexed Austria, with his mother. He petitioned in New York for \$30,000 annually from estate of his son Peter, who inherited \$3,250,000 from his grandfather, Colonel H. H. Rogers.

KEPT MOTHER'S BODY IN HOME FOUR MONTHS

Story Of Religious Mania Revealed

SYDNEY.

THE BODY of a woman who died four months ago, but which had been left on a bed by her four daughters who lived in the same house, was found by a clergyman recently. The woman was Mrs. Rose Ann Forster, who celebrated her 91st birthday on April 11, 1938.

The body was removed for burial by the police, and the four daughters were taken to a reception house.

The police stated that the case was the most pathetic instance of religious mania that had come under their notice.

Mrs. Forster lived in a small, weather-board house in Knox Street, Belmore, not far from Burwood Road, with her four daughters, Misses

Annie Forster, 65, Grace Forster, 58, and Linda Forster, 55, and Mrs. Bertha Hawkins, 66, whose husband has been employed on a farm in Glenagee, near Glen Innes, for the past two years.

The residents of Knox knew little of the four sisters, as they lived as recluses, spending most of their time studying the Bible.

About noon one day the Rev. Kingsley, of Lakemba, called at the home and asked after the health of Mrs. Forster. One of the sisters, raising her hands as if in prayer, said: "Something dreadful has happened. She died on November 3, 1938."

Mr. Kingsley was asked to view the body, and when he entered a front bed-room he saw the remains of Mrs. Forster covered up to the neck with a sheet and in such a state of decomposition that her features were not recognisable.

Mr. Kingsley immediately notified the police, and several detectives under Detective-sergeant Sadler went to the house.

Before the body was removed the Assistant Coroner (Mr. Williams) was asked to view it.

Neighbours stated that they did not know that Mrs. Forster had died.

"MESSAGE FROM ABOVE"
When the police visited the house and viewed the body they asked permission to smoke. The four sisters however, raised their arms as if in prayer and recited, "In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost stop these men from smoking."

For the next two hours the police tried to question the sisters, but they were interrupted by the women tramping up and down the hall and through the rooms, reciting an Anglican prayer and singing hymns.

One of the sisters told Sergeant Allen that she left the house to tell the police when her mother died, but on the way she had "a message from above."

"It was the wish of the Almighty," she said, "that our mother should not be buried."

"Did you think it was right when the four of you continued to live in the house," asked Sergeant Allen.

"Not according to our beliefs but according to ours, yes," one of the women answered. "No one suffered but us. Our dear mother was to rise and walk again when she reached 100 years."

Other police failed to get rational statements from the women. "We kept our mother in the house to keep us pure and to protect us from strangers," was their explanation. "It was the will of God."

When they were driven away in police cars, they were still praying.

County Breaks Tradition

Memphis, Mo., For the first time in 60 years, Scotland county, Mo., will have a Republican county clerk. Frank A. Trunnell won by 87 votes over his Democratic rival, J. E. Poole, the incumbent, in the recent election.

Prepares To Show Radio Transmissions In Cinema

THE GREATEST WAR in the entertainment world this century started recently when Isidore Ostrer, Chairman of the Gaumont-British Picture Corporation, announced his defiance of all B.B.C. restrictions against television for the paying public.

Ever since the public saw the Boon-Danahar fight on big-screen television in three London cinemas on February 24, the entertainment world—and especially the film and television interests—has been trying frantically to adjust itself to the inevitable revolution now on the way.

WARNED BUT CARRIED ON

Mr. Ostrer stated that his company was equipping every one of their cinemas in the London television area with big-screen reception apparatus, and that by the end of the year between 70 and 80 of them would be showing television.

"Neither the Government nor the B.B.C.," he said, "has the right to withhold from the public the privilege of seeing great events televised."

"The B.B.C. said we must not televise the Boon-Danahar fight to the public—but we did. The B.B.C. has written to say that this must not be regarded as a precedent—but I propose to go ahead with our scheme to televise from all our cinemas."

"Nobody can stop the progress of television now that the public is determined to have it. That is why I am risking thousands of pounds and the possibility of legal action by going ahead with our television plans, despite the present ban."

"I am prepared to place the whole of the Gaumont-British Corporation's resources at the disposal of the B.B.C. for the advancement of television provided that cinema owners are permitted to show television."

"I do not ask exclusive rights for Gaumont-British cinemas. I want all cinemas throughout the country to be able to put television on the screen."

Mr. Ostrer is planning to show the Derby on the screen.

"If television is allowed to develop properly in England," he said, "we shall obtain a huge export business—as America did when they beat us by a short head with the talkies. "Britain is already far ahead in television, and if she is allowed to progress we shall be asked to export millions of pounds worth of equipment to other parts of the world."

£75 AGAINST £750

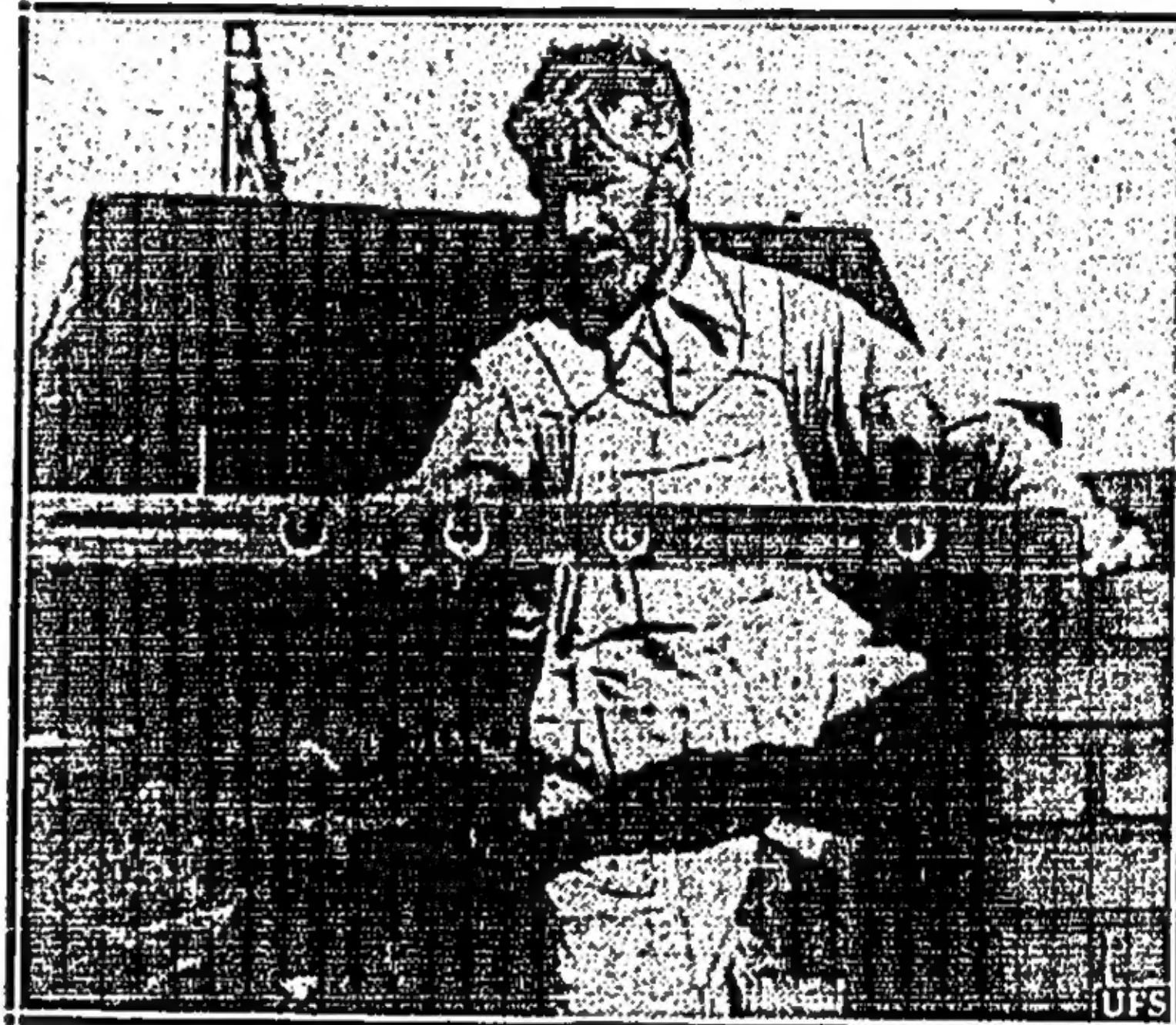
Many sporting bodies have actually approached Gaumont-British with suggestions that they should finance the televising of their events.

Television, in my opinion, can no longer remain a poorly equipped, badly financed monopoly of the B.B.C.—it spent a little over £300,000 on it last year—but must very soon be given the scope it deserves.

Though Mr. Ostrer did not give the figures, I know that the B.B.C. offered £75 for the Boon-Danahar fight television rights. Gaumont-British offered £750 and bought the right to televise the contest in two of their cinemas.

Several people vitally concerned in the present television boom have suggested that a new Television Corporation, distinct from the B.B.C., be formed to handle the new force in entertainment.

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Hitler Shuts Out Garbo, Gable And Hollywood's Best

BERLIN.

GERMANS will have to go abroad in future if they want to see first-rate American films with Greta Garbo, Clark Gable, Shirley Temple, Robert Taylor or Claudette Colbert.

In an attempt to drive American films out of the country, Hitler recently ordered that film importers must bring into Germany only second-rate American films. New German films will then be able to shine.

The official reason for the order is that America's leading film companies are Jewish-controlled.

The few Hollywood films imported into Germany have all been shown wherever they have been shown.

A drastic purge of Germany's State-controlled film industry has already begun.

There has been a reshuffle of officials in the leading companies, Ufa, Terra and Tobis. New producers have been appointed to bring German films to Hollywood standard.

In Neubabelsberg, the film colony fifteen miles west of Berlin, everybody is expecting to be the next victim of the purge.

SECOND-RATE

German film producers have for years been looking for a substitute for Marlene Dietrich, Hitler's favourite film star, who refuses to leave Hollywood for her native country.

So scarce is talent that foreign film stars, such as Pola Negri, a Pole, and Zarah Leander, a Swede, have been brought from abroad to keep up box-office receipts.

This has forced Nazi film leaders to overlook the Jewish origin of several foreign film favourites now starring in Nazi films.

It is also proposed, for propaganda reasons, to show more Italian films in the Reich. This will also help the

The Way They Have In The Navy

Nice.

During the night of March 26 last year, A. B. Arnold, of H.M. submarine Salmon, was struck in a Nice street by a taxi-driver, after a misunderstanding about a fare.

Arnold recovered and returned to his ship. H.M.S. Salmon came here again recently, exactly a year after, and Arnold entertained the taxi-driver and his family at tea.

Arnold refused the 10,000 francs awarded him as damages for the injury.

new producers to make Germans believe that their films are the best, for the Italian productions are second-rate compared even with the German.

Recently four major American film companies withdrew from the Italian market because of a decree for a State monopoly of importation and distribution.

SUN'S RAYS BY RADIO OPEN £10,000,000 SHOW

RAYS of the sun shining in Bombay at noon one day recently were flashed by photo-electric cell to San Francisco, where it was still night, to start the ringing of the Crocodon-made carillon in the Golden Gate Exhibition. It stands on a man-made island in San Francisco Bay and cost £10,000,000.

£850,000 Hospital Planned For A.R.P.

WHEN the King, with Queen Elizabeth, opens the new £850,000 Westminster Hospital, off Millbank, on April 20 he will see a hospital which is without rival in Europe.

Four years have been spent building and equipping the two vast, handsome blocks flanking St. John's Gardens.

The buildings are planned for up-to-date air raid precautions, with air-lock doors for the entry of ambulances, decontaminating plant to enable the work to go on undisturbed in a gas attack.

Only £100,000 of the cost remains to be raised, and on Wednesday, Lord Wigram, president of the hospital, is to launch an appeal for this sum.

One big innovation will ensure the comfort of out-patients. Receiving, dressing and consultation rooms are in complete units planned to abolish long waits.

High up on the roof, dominating the main building, is the beautifully appointed chapel. Its huge cross, looking down over St. John's public gardens, will be flood-lit at night.

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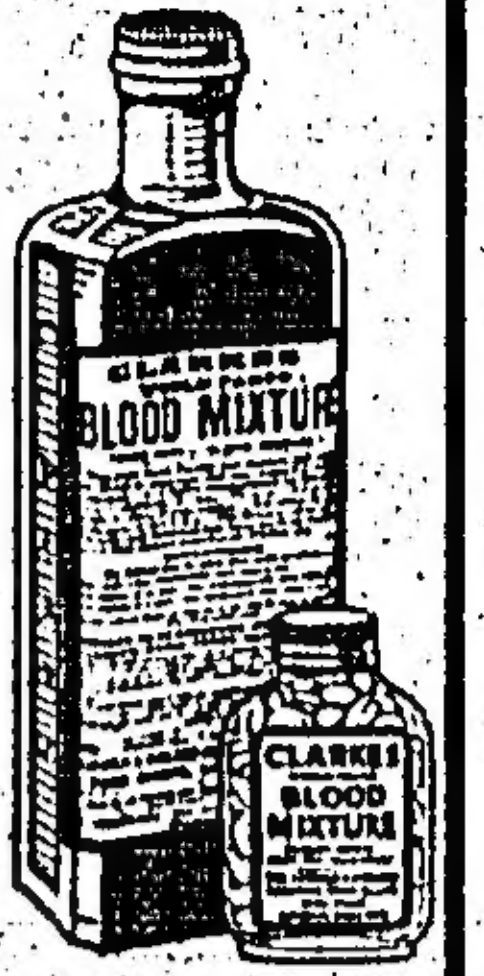
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BRITAIN, FRANCE GIVE THEIR FINAL WARNING

OPPOSITION NOT YET SATISFIED

LONDON, Apr. 13.

MR. CLEMENT ATTLEE, leader of the Labour Opposition, followed the Premier in the debate on the international situation, and declared himself disappointed with the Premier's statement.

"We have had a deliberate breach of obligations undertaken by Signor Mussolini in the Anglo-Italian agreement. We regarded the agreement as part of a mistaken policy; an unreal policy of unilateral appeasement."

"In my view, the rape of Albania is to the Anglo-Italian agreement what the destruction of Czechoslovakia was to Munich, and the same effect is that one cannot accept the word of either the ruler of Germany or Italy."

"When people suggest that trouble can be dealt with if only reasonable people would meet round a table, we have to remember that these people are not reasonable."

Great Anxiety

"We have got to face the position that everywhere in Europe there is great anxiety, and everyone is asking who is going to be the next victim."

"The attack on Albania was certainly not a sudden attack occasioned by something done by King Zog."

"It was part of the settled policy of the Axis Powers, and was directed towards the disintegration of the whole of that part of Europe."

"I welcome the fact that we have undertaken responsibility towards Poland, Greece and Rumania, but the Government to-day has accepted just those responsibilities which they refused to accept under the covenant of the League."

"We want to see a real policy of assurance. These individual plugs are useful, but we want to see a dam. We want a policy which is going to build up collective security for years, and something more than a policy of cover for a week, or a fortnight."

Russian Aid

"I do not think it would be wise to underestimate the difficulties in which the totalitarian States find themselves, but if we are to prevent war, we must get a strong enough force to deter the aggressor. I am sorry, therefore, we have got no mention about the position of Russia."

"If you want to build collective security you must get unity between Britain, France, and Russia. I feel that a declaration of solidarity between these Powers would be rallying point around which all those forces which stand for peace, could be brought in."

Churchill's Complaint

Mr. Winston Churchill agreed with the Government that nothing could be gained by denouncing the Anglo-Italian agreement at present, but he criticised the policy by which the British fleet was scattered in the Mediterranean at Easter, and said that if the fleet had been concentrated and cruising in the Ionian Sea, he believed that the Albanian adventure might never have been undertaken.

"This is no time for half-measures. If peace is to be preserved, two main steps must be taken immediately, namely the full isolation of the Soviet in our peace talks, secondly promotion of unity in the Balkans."

"The four Balkan States are an immense combination, and if they can only stand together they are safe."

Mr. Churchill said that he was not convinced that Italy had made up her mind to be involved in a mortal struggle with Britain and France.

"It may be assumed that Germany would like to make sure of Italy by making a war with the Western Powers before any main strokes are made in Central and Northern Europe, and it is not to Britain's advantage to facilitate that start."

Statement in Lords

LONDON, Apr. 13.
Count Halifax, the Foreign Secretary, made a statement in the House of Lords.

"PRESSURE HIGHEST"

LONDON, Apr. 14.

REFLECTING the political trend, to-day's weather report here stated:

"Pressure is now highest in the Mediterranean." — *United Press.*

Daladier's Declaration

Peace With Liberty And Honour Demanded

PARIS, Apr. 13.

THE FRENCH PREMIER to-day dictated his declaration of French policy.

France, he said, is determined to preserve peace with liberty and honour, and France is disposed to help all peoples who are determined to oppose aggression.

He gave pledges to support Greece and Rumania, similar to those made by Mr. Chamberlain.

M. Daladier said France and Poland have re-affirmed their military alliance.

"France attaches the greatest importance to preventing any modification of forces or threat of force to the status quo in the Mediterranean or the Balkan Peninsula," he declared.

M. Daladier added that since French policy had been defined in March, France had taken precautions on the Spanish frontier and had acted in harmony with Britain to preserve the status quo in the Mediterranean, as well as strengthening ties with all peoples opposing aggression.

"Actions had been taken without verbal manifestations or vain provocations. It is not necessary to accompany action with threats, but France has taken military precautions against any surprise," M. Daladier declared.

No Domination

In the course of his declaration, M. Daladier said:

"The Prime Minister reiterates the aims of French policy as outlined on March 29."

"France had since acted without words demonstrations and vain provocations."

"She had taken military measures which will guarantee the French and empire frontiers against all surprises."

"The Government remains in permanent contact with the governments of Britain, the United States, Russia, Poland, and the Balkan Entente, and I am convinced that our object will be attained in organising collaboration between all nations who do not wish to threaten the vital interests of any people, and are determined to oppose all attempts at domination."

"The close and profound agreement with Great Britain, never has had greater strength than to-day."

M. Daladier then read the declaration of support for Greece and Rumania, which had been drawn up in common agreement with Britain.

The Silverleaf sailed from San Francisco on March 10 and is expected here on or about Monday.

ROOSEVELT MAY WARN OF MONROE DOCTRINE

WASHINGTON, Apr. 14.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT has arranged for a nation-wide broadcast at 8 p.m. C.M.T. to-day. It is widely believed that he will warn the totalitarians against encroaching on Latin-American territories.

LONDON, APR. 13.
BRITISH POLICY IN THE MEDITERRANEAN MADE A DEFINITE STEP FORWARD TO-DAY, WHEN MR. CHAMBERLAIN TOLD THE HOUSE OF COMMONS THAT ANY ATTEMPT TO INFRINGE THE SOVEREIGNTY, INDEPENDENCE, OR TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF GREECE, RUMANIA OR TURKEY WOULD CALL FORTH MAXIMUM RESISTANCE FROM BOTH BRITISH AND FRENCH FORCES.

He further stated that as a result of the Italian invasion of Albania the British Government is giving Greece their assurance of immediate aid if they are threatened—in terms almost identical to the guarantee given to Poland.

Mr. Chamberlain also expressed the Government's concern over Italy's delay in withdrawing Italian troops from Spain.

FASCIST THREAT TO CORFU

Sweeping simultaneous declarations from both Britain and France have disclosed how swift action blocked Fascist threats to occupy Corfu.

Both Britain and France have warned the dictatorships that their armed forces are ready to oppose further aggression in Europe.

Mr. Chamberlain told the House of Commons that, in the event of any action clearly threatening the independence of Greece and Rumania which Greece and Rumania considered vital to resist with their national forces, Britain would feel bound immediately to lend all support within her power.

Thus both Paris and London have extended to Rumania and Greece the same military commitments previously made to Poland.

FORCES FOR PEACE

"We are endeavouring to our utmost to marshal forces still in favour of peace, who are willing to resist aggression so our efforts may be successful," declared Mr. Chamberlain.

He strongly criticised the occupation of Albania and expressed "doubt and suspicion" regarding the Fascist explanations for it.

By inference, he characterised the seizure of Albania as a menace to peace and security.

On Sunday last, he said, the British Government learned that Italy intended to attack Corfu. Lord Halifax told Italy that Britain was not occupying Corfu, and warned Italy to refrain from occupation.

Mr. Chamberlain recalled that Italy had agreed to respect the status quo in the Mediterranean and emphasised that the Adriatic Sea forms part of the Mediterranean.

PLEDGE TO POWERS

However, he said, Italy had not denounced the Anglo-Italian agreement.

He announced the British pledge of assistance to Greece and Rumania and said it was being communicated to other countries, including Turkey.

Italy has given the assurance that Italian troops would be withdrawn from Spain, including pilots and planes, immediately after the parade on May 2.

He indicated that he was keeping in very close touch with the Soviet.

The Opposition leaders afterwards strongly criticised the Government, Mr. Clement Attlee saying he was "disappointed in the speech."

However, the remainder of the House cheered the Premier's declaration.—*United Press.*

Chamberlain's Dramatic Speech In Full

LONDON, Apr. 13.
There was a tense atmosphere in the Commons when Mr. Neville Chamberlain rose to make his promised statement on the European situation. The Premier had left his residence in Downing Street 10 minutes before the House met and was cheered by large crowds en route.

The Premier said that the events which brought the House back had created widespread uneasiness and disquiet, especially in the Eastern Mediterranean. He proceeded to give a narrative of the events.

Mr. Chamberlain declared that accounts of the events in Albania were conflicting and sometimes one-sided. The background to these events showed a similar divergence of testimony. He proceeded to read a detailed and conflicting reports from Italian and Albanian sources.

Albania's Appeal

Mr. Chamberlain said that on April 8 the Albanian Minister appealed to the British Government to do its utmost in aid of a small nation desperately trying to defend its own territory. There was no doubt as to the general effect produced by the Italian action in Albania. Public opinion throughout the world has been profoundly

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INCREASE IN TENSION

ZERO HOUR IN EUROPE

Tension between Rumania and Hungary has disturbingly increased, and the Rumanian Government has decided to further strengthen her forces on the western border.

The renewed tension appears to have originated in violent attacks by the Hungarian press, including an article in which Hungary is said to have claimed the city of Brashov, almost exactly in the centre of post-war Rumania.

Underwriters in New York announce that they are withdrawing war risk insurance quotations on cargoes to and from Germany and Italy.

They assert that tension has increased on account of the democracies' plan for a strong naval policy in the Mediterranean.

Simultaneously, they have advanced other rates by 100 to 200 per cent, the highest rate being \$1.25 per \$100 for shipments to China via Suez, as compared with 62.5 cents previously. Interest in the encounter was keen, as illustrated by the fact that the stand was packed.

Troops Massing

PARIS, Apr. 13.
France is concerned regarding reports of German and Italian troops massing near the Jugo-Slav frontiers, since Jugo-Slavia and Bulgaria form the only gap in the anti-aggression front created by the British and French, with the exception of the Balkan states.

France is also concerned at Britain's failure to bring Russia into the anti-aggression front.

However, it is reported here that Britain is considering a bi-lateral military engagement with Moscow.—*United Press.*

Military Precautions

PARIS, Apr. 13.—France has taken military precautions on the Pyrenean frontier, in answer to the reinforcements of the Spanish Nationalist garrisons.—*United Press.*

Danzig Tension

DANZIG, Apr. 13.
The Danzig Government has protested to Polish diplomatic representatives in the free city, charging that leaflets printed with the anti-German song "Rota" are being thrown from the Polish inter-state railway cars.

The leaflets are alleged to contain statements saying that Danzig is in Poland and is therefore Polish property.

Regular conversations between Danzig and Polish officials, regarding minor problems have not occurred during the last few days.

Meanwhile, observers notice a definite tension and an open interruption of conversations, partly because the Danzig Government is awaiting specific instructions from Berlin.

It is worthy of note that the Danzig

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EURASIA PLANE SHOT DOWN

According to a "Trans-Ocean" message from Chungking, a Eurasia plane, which left Kunming yesterday for Hanoi, was attacked over Laos, near the French frontier by three Japanese war planes, and was brought down.

The German pilot of the machine is reported to have been slightly injured, while the fate of the other occupants is not yet known.

No Information Locally

The Eurasia Corporation, in Hongkong states that no information has been received here of the incident.

The Superintendent of Kai Tak Airport, Mr. A. G. Moss, said that the plane shot down could not have been seen regularly calling at Kai Tak, as the movements of all inward and outward planes had been fully accounted for.

KAIFENG HELD BY CHINESE

Honan Capital Scene Of Bitter Fight

LOYANG, Apr. 14.

IN A fierce counter-offensive, Chinese forces which retired from Kaifeng, capital of Honan province, to avoid Japanese encirclement on Tuesday, again smashed into the city on Wednesday, according to reports just to hand.

Close-quarter street fighting took place in the city, resulting in heavy Japanese casualties.

Important Japanese buildings and Japanese ammunition depots were wrecked and burned.

The main body of the Chinese forces is reported to be pushing eastward from Kaifeng.—*Central News.*

Battle In Full Swing

PEIPING, Apr. 13.
The battle for Kaifeng was still in full swing this morning, with the Chinese bringing up reinforcements, according to Japanese official despatches.

The Chinese forces, fully equipped, are fighting stubbornly in the southern outskirts of Kaifeng, according to these reports, and the battle is increasing in its fierceness as it enters its fourth day to-day.

It is admitted in Japanese despatches that the attackers succeeded in capturing the railway station, which is situated at the southern wall of the city, from the pro-Japanese Chinese gendarmes, and that the Chinese have occupied the Kaifeng aerodrome.

The Japanese authorities state they are still unable to confirm or deny the killing of some members of the Pacific Commission at Kaifeng, but independent and reliable Chinese sources state that it is fully confirmed that at least four members were killed.—*Reuters.*

LATEST

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Further Late News

Clipper To Go To Macao First Flight In Six Months

THE Pan American Philippine Clipper is making its first call at Macao since the start of the South China invasion last October.

It was then decided that owing to the presence of Japanese naval forces in South China, it was inadvisable for the Clippers to run to the Portuguese Colony.

This morning the local office of the company received a radio saying the plane was calling at Macao.

The Clipper should reach Hongkong at 2 p.m.

SOME DAY YOUR CAR MAY BE RUNNING ON COAL DUST

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SOME DAY you may be running your car on coal. Yes, motorist, on coal—not on petrol or gas obtained from coal, but on coal itself, introduced into the cylinder in the form of a fine dust and mixed with compressed air so as to form an explosive mixture.

Experiments on the use of coal-dust in Diesel engines have been proceeding for a long time, but they are now entering the practical stage.

Dr. Hans Wahl, a German engineer who is one of the world's leading authorities on the subject, told the Internal Combustion Engine Group of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers at Swansea recently of the success which has attended these experiments.

WHAT EVERY MINER KNOWS

He said that after several decades of development the coal-dust engine can be regarded as "ripe for trial in service."

Its efficiency and advantages, as well as the limits of its field of application and the extent to which it was likely to be able to compete with other forms of prime mover, could be fairly clearly foreseen.

It is well known to every miner that a mixture of coal dust and air may be highly explosive. Some of the worst explosions underground have been caused by such mixtures. Scientists have been trying to harness this explosive property of coal-air mixtures to engineering purposes and now they seem on the point of succeeding.

ITS FIRST USE

At first coal dust would be used only for stationary Diesel engines, but there is no reason to rule out ultimately the possibility of its use for road vehicles.

In any case, the development of the coal-dust engine may be the best news the coal industry has had for a long time and may prove as revolutionary as James Watt's development of the steam engine.

Dr. Wahl said the performance of the coal-dust engine in service was dependent primarily on the qualities of the coal dust used and particularly its ash content.

PROBLEMS SOLVED

The use of special wear-resisting steels, and various precautions in construction and operation had reduced the rate of wear of the cylinder lining and piston rings to a fraction of what it formerly was, and had brought erosion and burning at the exhaust valve, and carbonisation and erosion of the injection nozzles, within reasonable limits.

The difficult question of the choking of the dust valves had also been brought near to a final solution after extensive experiments.

Cylinder lubrication had already been brought within the average usual in oil engines as regards quantity of lubricant supplied, while the problem of sludge removal, a matter of special importance in the coal-dust engine, had been solved in a very simple manner.

It was possible to say, said Dr. Wahl, with typical scientific caution, that the outstanding operational difficulties of the coal-dust engine had been so far overcome as to ensure the possibility of further improvements to give good performance in continuous service.

USE OF GAS PRODUCERS

Other speakers told the group of the use of gas producers for driving road vehicles.

In these producers gas is made by passing air through a fire of anthracite or low-temperature coke or some similar solid fuel; water or steam may be introduced along with the air blast, but opinions differ on the value of so doing.

A 31-seater single-deck omnibus has run on producer gas for over a year between Inverness and the North, covering some 32,000 miles; the fuel consumption works out at £80 a year, which compares with £253 for petrol and £136 for Diesel oil.

New British Aircraft Carrier

LONDON. GREAT Britain's air power at sea is considerably augmented with the commissioning for service of the aircraft carrier H.M.S. Ark Royal. Carrying a full complement of airplanes, she is likely to join ships of the home fleet on the spring cruises which begins this month.

She will carry among her sixty war planes the first squadron of "hell dive" bombers ever put into service by Britain. The speed of the bombers is thus far a secret, but they are understood to be more than eighty miles per hour faster than the famous American "hell divers."

The new ship, grossing 22,000 tons, is nearly 600 feet long over all, and her flight deck towers some seventy feet above the water line. Much of her equipment is secret and awaits trial in service conditions; the practical tests it will undergo as soon as the ship gets to sea will provide a measure of the new carrier's value as a fighting unit.

The Ark Royal is the first British warship to be designed exclusively as an aircraft carrier. Her full complement for sea-going duty will comprise some 1,600 men and about 140 officers. Hangar space is provided below decks for sixty modern war planes. The flag of Rear Admiral G. C. Royle, senior Fleet Air Arm officer, flies at the mast-head.

From a mile away the Ark Royal dominates Portsmouth dockyard. Destroyers, cruisers and even the mighty 35,000-ton battleship Rodney appear illipituous alongside the vessel, which derives an appearance of outstanding size from her flight deck, a flat expanse of steel extending 250 yards and stretching 100 feet from side to side. The deck overhangs the sides of the ship and runs uninterruptedly from the bows to project over the stern.

Basically, the Ark Royal conforms to the design of other aircraft carriers. She has two long hangars, three lifts convey airplanes to and from the deck. The control superstructure rises above deck level on the starboard side. Right in the fore of this deck are two ramps used for accelerated take-off. The defensive armament of the ship consists of 4.5-inch anti-aircraft guns disposed at each "corner" of the ship and arranged as double-barrel units to give a concentration of fire. "Pom-pom" multiple-barrel guns give further protection.

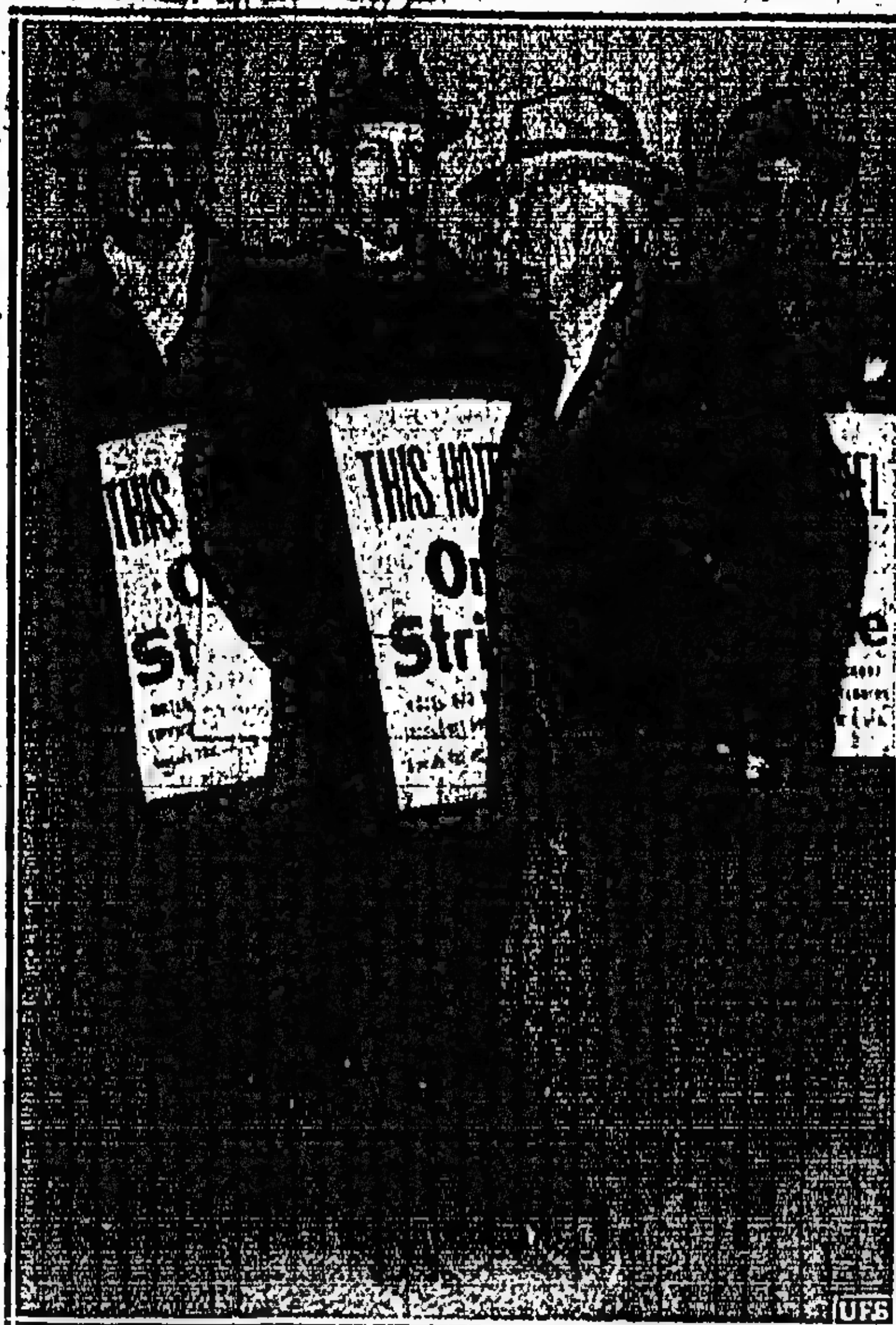
AIR INTELLIGENCE OFFICE

Located in a comprehensive control tower is an Air Intelligence Office, where checks will be kept on movements of aircraft patrolling perhaps a hundred miles away.

Without their complement of aircraft the hangars appear unduly long—just floating tunnels of steel. Fuel, oil and water pipes running along the "walls" of the ship provide light-on-time-saving services for refueling "after flights." From the "root" of the hangars project numerous nozzles from which, in emergency, anti-fire liquid can be sprayed. Curtains of fire-resisting steel divide the hangar up into separate compartments.

An extensive space is set aside for aircraft spares. Hitherto, aircraft carriers have gone to sea very much dependent on shore-based replacement services for the many nuts, bolts, wings, spars, radio equipment and so forth which may require attention on a long voyage. In the Ark Royal large store rooms are reserved for these spares; innumerable steel shelves and racks await the thousands of parts needed as stand-by for the fleet of aircraft soon to home in this floating airbase.

Padded racks in one section are ready to take seaplane floats when necessary. These will be fitted to landplanes on board, which will then (Continued on Next Column.)



Strike of 2,200 employees in 13 hotels for a closed shop recently stagnated Washington, D. C., and caused embarrassment to many officials who lived in hotels but who hesitated to cross the picket lines. Here is Senator Carter Glass of Virginia crossing at the Mayflower.

One Jersey—And Oh, So Very Hush, Hush!

IN ADMIRALTY Orders, concerning kit which the newly-formed Fleet Air Arm Supplementary will supply at their own expense, appears the following:

806.—FLEET AIR ARM SUPPLEMENTARY PARTY—KIT (V. 1356/39.—23.3.1939.)

The list given in paragraph 9 of A.F.O. 147a/39 of kit to be provided by Men of the Fleet Air Arm Supplementary Party entered as Able Seamen is to be amended as follows:—

Add 1 Jersey. A.F.O. 147a/39 (This Order will be reprinted for posting on Notice Boards.)

Very hush, hush, this! That's why it couldn't be given before. Stamped across the orders, in bold blue capitals, was the warning: "Not for publication or broadcasting before A.M. 25/3/39."

Camp Derelict For 22 Years Is Refugees' Haven

RICHBOROUGH CAMP (near Sandwich).

THIS is still a mystery camp, as it was 22 years ago when the soldiers who were brought here secretly had no idea where they were.

Now nameless German refugees are being quartered in the same hutments—men who must keep their identities and whereabouts from common knowledge in order to protect their families at home.

British men were trained to kill Germans during the war. Now, the sons of some of those Germans will be trained here in the occupations of peace.

FLOATING POPULATION

The first batch of 60 men arrived recently. They are nearly all married, some with several young children, and with few exceptions have been in concentration camps.

By the end of March the camp will hold 3,500—its full capacity. Population will be floating, for as men are trained they will be emigrated, chiefly to Australia and South America.

"It will be a lucky country which gets them," Mr. J. A. May, head of the camp, said. "Most have exceptional qualifications, and some are skilled in processes unknown except in Germany."

FEW REPAIRS NEEDED

A lawyer who earned £2,000 a year in Germany was removing rust from a hot-plate machine which once kept food warm for English Tommies, and the headmaster of a famous technical school was digging a trench in the mud for piping.

Kitchener Camp has lain derelict for over 20 years, but it was so

able to fly as seaplanes while the ship is in harbour.

The Ark Royal is the first of six new aircraft carriers ordered for the Royal Navy. Four of these are now being built, each approximately 22,000 tons. All will be able to reach a speed of thirty-one knots, enabling aircraft to take off from and land on the flight decks even in conditions of dead calm. Soon the navy will be able to take to sea in aircraft carriers some 400 first-line aircraft, a formidable air armada which will be supplemented by about 100 aircraft carried in battleships and cruisers fitted with catapult launching gear.

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- R 2199. Don't Tell My Mother.
- R 2199. It's Getting Harder To Discover.
- R 2158. And So To Bed.
- R 2158. You Make My Wheels Go Round.
- R 2138. I Hate Vice.
- R 2138. I'd Rather Be A Savage.
- R 2100. I Couldn't Make To The Girl of To-day.
- R 2100. Navy and The Army & The Police.
- R 2003. Have A Little Pity On Her.
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She's In England To Fetch Star

MRS. AD SCHULBERG, blonde and bright-eyed, is known in Hollywood as "the woman who knows all about the stars," and is in London to straighten out the Danielle Darrieux mix-up.

She is an international show agent, and the wife of producer Schulberg. Mrs. Schulberg will need all her knowledge and experience for the job that has brought her across the Atlantic.

Lovely Danielle Darrieux, 21-years-old French star, went to Hollywood on a contract with Universal Film, made pictures for six months and then stamped out of the place back to France, saying:

"Hollywood wanted to remake my face, figure, and soul. They wanted a new 'me.' I resisted and left."

Mrs. Schulberg went over to point out to Danielle that the question of the contract remained.

"I want to see her in Megeve—the French skiing centre, and talked it over with her. She was very nice, but she seems to be under certain legal obligations to a

French producer," Mrs. Schulberg said.

"But I want to take her back with me. They like her in the States. I don't think she exactly walked out of Hollywood. She didn't perhaps know the language over there very thoroughly."

"Universal sent a legal representative over, but she didn't see him. She just didn't want to get involved. I may go back to France to her again in a day or two."

Meanwhile Danielle goes on skiing in Megeve.

Hollywood, says Mrs. Schulberg, is getting perturbed about the success of British films—in New York now there are three doing very well.

Of British stars she remarked that the men are so much better than the women—"I don't really know what English women, with a few exceptions, lack in films. But they lack something."

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TELEVISION FIGHT STARTS—BIG FILM GROUP DEFIES B. B. C.



Count Ludwig Salm, Austrian nobleman impoverished by reverses since Germany annexed Austria, with his mother. He petitioned in New York for \$30,000 annually from estate of his son Peter, who inherited \$3,250,000 from his grandfather, Colonel H. H. Rogers.

KEPT MOTHER'S BODY IN HOME FOUR MONTHS

Story Of Religious Mania Revealed

THE BODY of a woman who died four months ago, but which had been left on a bed by her four daughters who lived in the same house, was found by a clergyman recently. The woman was Mrs. Rose Ann Forster, who celebrated her 91st birthday on April 11, 1938.

The body was removed for burial by the police, and the four daughters were taken to a reception house.

The police stated that the case was the most pathetic instance of religious mania that had come under their notice.

Mrs. Forster lived in a small weather-board house in Knox Street, Belmont, not far from Elmwood Road, with her four daughters, Misses

Ann Forster, 65, Grace Forster, 58, and Linda Forster, 55, and Mrs. Bertha Hawkins, 66, whose husband has been employed on a farm in Glencoe, near Glen Innes, for the past two years.

The residents of Knox knew little of the four sisters, as they lived as recluses, spending most of their time studying the Bible.

About noon one day the Rev. Kingsley, of Lakemba, called at the home and asked after the health of Mrs. Forster. One of the sisters, raising her hands as if in prayer, said: "Something dreadful has happened. She died on November 3, 1938."

Mr. Kingsley was asked to view the body, and when he entered a front bedroom he saw the remains of Mrs. Forster covered up to the neck with a sheet and in such a state of decomposition that her features were not recognisable.

Mr. Kingsley immediately notified the police, and several detectives under Detective-sergeant Sadler went to the house.

Before the body was removed the Assistant Coroner (Mr. Williams) was asked to view it.

Neighbours stated that they did not know that Mrs. Forster had died.

"MESSAGE FROM ABOVE" When the police visited the house and viewed the body they asked permission to smoke. The four sisters, however, raised their arms as if in prayer and recited, "In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost stop these men from smoking."

For the next two hours the police tried to question the sisters, but they were interrupted by the women tramping up and down the hall and through the rooms, reciting an Anglican prayer and singing hymns.

One of the sisters told Sergeant Allen that she left the house to tell the police when her mother died, but on the way she had "a message from above."

"It was the wish of the Almighty," she said, "that our mother should not be buried."

"Did you think it was right when the four of you continued to live in the house," asked Sergeant Allen.

"Not according to your beliefs but according to ours, yes," one of the women answered. "No one suffered but us. Our dear mother was to rise and walk again when she reached 100 years."

Other police failed to get rational statements from the women.

"We kept our mother in the house to keep us pure and to protect us from strangers," was their explanation. "It was the will of God."

When they were driven away in police cars they were still praying.

County Breaks Tradition

Memphis, Mo. For the first time in 80 years, Scotland county, Mo., will have a Republican county clerk. Frank A. Trunell won by 87 votes over his Democratic rival, J. E. Poole, the incumbent, in the recent election.

Prepares To Show Radio Transmissions In Cinema

THE GREATEST WAR in the entertainment world this century started recently when Isidore Ostrer, Chairman of the Gaumont-British Picture Corporation, announced his defiance of all B.B.C. restrictions against television for the paying public.

Ever since the public saw the Boon-Danahar fight on big-screen television in three London cinemas on February 24, the entertainment world—and especially the film and television interests—has been trying frantically to adjust itself to the inevitable revolution now on the way.

WARNED BUT CARRIED ON

Mr. Ostrer stated that his company was equipping every one of their cinemas in the London television area with big-screen reception apparatus, and that by the end of the year between 70 and 80 of them would be showing television.

"Neither the Government nor the B.B.C.," he said, "has the right to withhold from the public the privilege of seeing great events televised."

"The B.B.C. said we must not televise the Boon-Danahar fight to the public—but we did. The B.B.C. has written to say that this must not be regarded as a precedent—but I propose to go ahead with our scheme to televise from all our cinemas."

"Nobody can stop the progress of television now that the public is determined to have it. That is why I am risking thousands of pounds and the possibility of legal action by going ahead with our television plans, despite the present ban."

"I am prepared to place the whole of the Gaumont-British Corporation's resources at the disposal of the B.B.C. for the advancement of television provided that cinema owners are permitted to show television."

"I do not ask exclusive rights for Gaumont-British cinemas. I want all cinemas throughout the country to be able to put television on the screen."

Mr. Ostrer is planning to show the Derby on the screen.

"If television is allowed to develop properly in England," he said, "we shall obtain a huge export business—as America did when they beat us by a short head with the talkies."

"Britain is already far ahead in television, and if she is allowed to progress we shall be asked to export millions of pounds' worth of equipment to other parts of the world."

£75 AGAINST £750

Many sporting bodies have actually approached Gaumont-British with suggestions that they should finance the televising of their events.

Television, in my opinion, can no longer remain a poorly equipped, badly financed monopoly of the B.B.C.—it spent a little over £300,000 on it last year—but must very soon be given the scope it deserves.

Though Mr. Ostrer did not give the figures, I know that the B.B.C. offered £75 for the Boon-Danahar fight television rights. Gaumont-British offered £750 and bought the right to televise the contest in two of their cinemas.

Several people vitally concerned in the present television boom have suggested that a new Television Corporation, distinct from the B.B.C., be formed to handle the new force in entertainment.

Angelo E. Missio, mason of Briceburg, Cal., first cousin and only male relative of Pope Pius XII in the United States. Hearing of the election, he wept for joy.



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Hitler Shuts Out Garbo, Gable And Hollywood's Best

BERLIN.

GERMANS will have to go abroad in future if they want to see first-rate American films with Greta Garbo, Clark Gable, Shirley Temple, Robert Taylor or Claudette Colbert.

In an attempt to drive American films out of the country, Hitler recently ordered that film importers must bring into Germany only second-rate American films. New German films will then be able to shine.

The official reason for the order is that America's leading film companies are Jewish-controlled.

The few Hollywood films imported into Germany have filled cinemas wherever they have been shown.

A drastic purge of Germany's State-controlled film industry has already begun.

There has been a reshuffle of officials in the leading companies, Ufa, Terra and Tobis. New producers have been appointed to bring German films to Hollywood standard.

In Neubabelsberg, the film colony fifteen miles west of Berlin, everybody is expecting to be the next victim of the purge.

SECOND-RATE

German film producers have for years been looking for a substitute for Marlene Dietrich, Hitler's favourite film star, who refuses to leave Hollywood for her native country. So scarce is talent that foreign film stars, such as Pola Negri, Pola Negri, and Zarah Leander, a Swede, have been brought from abroad to keep up box-office receipts.

This has forced Nazi film leaders to overlook the Jewish origin of several foreign film favourites now starring in Nazi films.

It is also proposed, for propaganda reasons, to show more Italian films in the Reich. This will also help the

SUN'S RAYS BY RADIO OPEN \$10,000,000 SHOW

RAYS of the sun shining in Bombay at noon one day recently were flashed by photo-electric cell to San Francisco, where it was still night, to start the ringing of the Crocodon-made carillon in the Golden Gate Exhibition.

It stands on a man-made island in San Francisco Bay and cost £10,000,000.

\$850,000 Hospital Planned For A.R.P.

WHEN the King, with Queen Elizabeth, opens the new £850,000 Westminster Hospital, off Millbank, on April 20 he will see a hospital which is without rival in Europe.

Four years have been spent building and equipping the two vast, handsome blocks flanking St. John's Gardens.

The buildings are planned for up-to-date air raid precautions, with air-lock doors for the entry of ambulances, decontaminating plant to enable the work to go on undisturbed in a gas attack.

Only £100,000 of the cost remains to be raised, and on Wednesday Lord Wigram, president of the hospital, is to launch an appeal for this sum.

One big innovation will ensure the comfort of out-patients. Receiving, dressing and consultation rooms are in complete units planned to abolish long waits.

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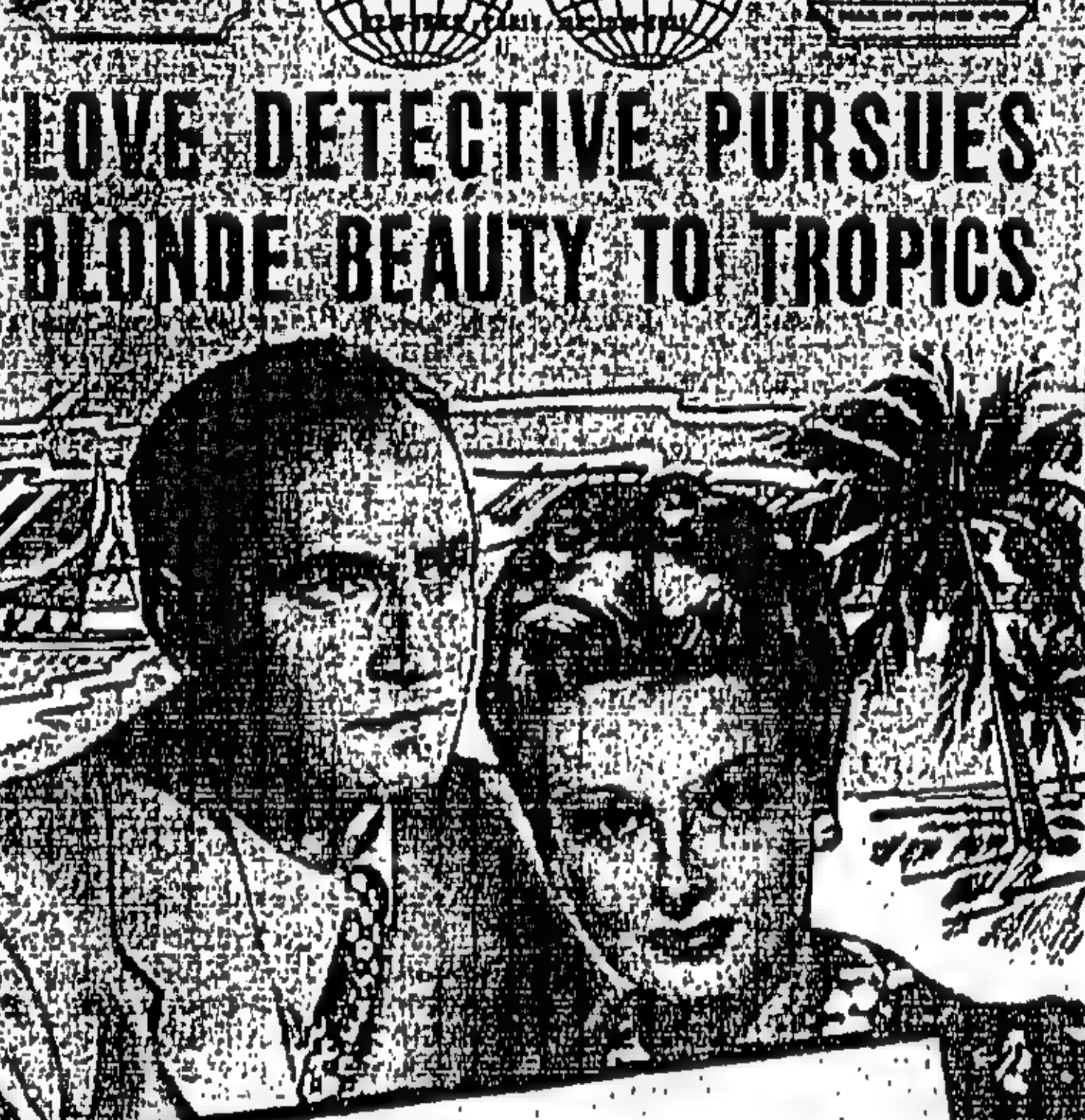


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ZERO HOUR IN EUROPE

(Continued from Page 1.)

protest was delivered after the flight of 193 Germans from Poland—United Press.

Egypt Hoards Gold

CAIRO, Apr. 13.—In view of the international situation, the Egyptian Government has banned the export of gold until further notice.—Reuter.

German Naval Exercises

London, Apr. 13.—It is learned from official sources that the German Government has informed the British and French governments that the customary spring exercises of the German fleet will be held this year off the coast of Spain, and will last about a month.

The units concerned will leave the home ports on April 18, and will consist of the three Deutschland, three cruisers, a flotilla of destroyers, submarines, and auxiliary vessels.—Reuter.

Japan And Europe

Tokyo, Apr. 13.—Great importance is attached by political circles to two conferences between Japanese Ministers to-day. After Foreign Minister Arin had had a lengthy conversation with Premier Hiranuma regarding the Japanese attitude towards the European situation, the Premier immediately called a conference with Defence Minister Itagaki, and Marine Minister Admiral Yonai, for a detailed discussion of Japanese foreign policy, particularly with regard to the European situation.

The main issue of the conference was believed to be the problem of

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The Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders in the above Company will be held in the Company's Offices, P. & O. Building, 5th Floor, on Wednesday, 26th April, 1939, at Noon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1938.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Saturday, 22nd April, to Wednesday, 26th April, 1939, both days inclusive.

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Hongkong, 12th April, 1939.

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The Transfer Register will be closed from April 10th to 22nd, 1939 inclusive.

By Order of the
Board of Directors,
M. Y. TANG,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, April 1, 1939.

Closed To Jews

Kaunas, Apr. 13.—The Latvian authorities on Wednesday refused permission to a group of Jews to enter Latvia from Lithuania, and the authorities announced that in future, no more Jews would be allowed to enter Latvia.—Trans-Ocean.

strengthening the anti-Comintern policy in connection with the maintenance of good relations with Powers, politically, economically and militarily interested in the outcome of the China conflict, and the entire Far Eastern developments.—Trans-Ocean.

Soviet Warships On Move?

Moscow, Apr. 13.—The Soviet Government today denied that 14 Russian warships had passed the Bosphorus into the Mediterranean as reported by almost the entire world press.

An official communique declared that during the last fortnight, no Soviet cruiser or torpedo boat of the Black Sea fleet has passed the Bosphorus.

On the other hand, Turkish sources confirm that Russian warships did pass into the Mediterranean.—Trans-Ocean.

C. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 17th day of April, 1939, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Sau Chuk Yuen Road, Kowloon City, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1893, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

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H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning:

BANKS	
H.K. Banks, S.	1,355 1/2
H.K. Banks, L.	80 1/2
Chartered, S.	8 1/2
Mercantile, S.	13 1/2
Mercantile, L.	13 1/2
East Asia, S.	80 1/2

INSURANCES	
Canton, S.	225 1/2
Unions, S.	407 1/2
China Underwriters, S.	14 1/2
H.K. Fire, S.	163 1/2

SHIPPING	
Douglas, S.	70 1/2
Steamboats, S.	13 1/2
Indo-China, S.	60 1/2
Indo-China, P.	24 1/2
Shell Bearers, S.	81 1/2
Waterbores, S.	8 1/2

DOCKS ETC.	
Wharves, S.	104 1/2
Docks, S.	16 1/2
Providents, S.	4 1/2
New Eng. Sh.	6 1/2
Shua Docks, S.	101 1/2

MINING	
Kailan, S.	17 1/2
Ruhs, S.	8 1/2
Venz, Goldfield, S.	3 1/2
Hongkong Mines, S.	4 1/2
Antamoks, S.	3 1/2
Atoks, S.	30 1/2
Benguet, S.	25 1/2
Coco Grove, S.	34 1/2
Demonstrations, S.	13 1/2
I.X.L. S.	53 1/2
Hogons, S.	24 1/2
Chamarines, S.	50 1/2
San Miguel, S.	182 1/2
Suyco Consols, S.	16 1/2
Parades, S.	62 1/2

LANDS	
Hotels, S.	530 1/2
Lands, S.	33 1/2
Lands 4% deb. S.	104 1/2
Shui Lands, S.	8 1/2
Humphreys, S.	8 1/2
H.K. Realties, S.	43 1/2
Chinese Estates, S.	102 1/2

UTILITIES	
Trams, S.	16 1/2
Peak Trams (old), S.	8 1/2
Peak Trams (new), S.	4 1/2
Star, S.	6 1/2
Y. Ferries (old), S.	24 1/2
Y. Ferries (new), S.	5 1/2
H.K. Electric, S.	54 1/2
Macao Electric, S.	17 1/2
Sandakan Lights, S.	12 1/2
Telephones (old), S.	7 1/2
Telephones (new), S.	22 1/2
Traction, S.	22 1/2
Traction (Pref.), S.	22 1/2

STORIES, &c.	
Dairy Farms (ex. rts.), S.	21 1/2
Dairy Farms (rts.), S.	15 1/2
Watsons, S.	7 1/2
Lane Crawford, S.	1 1/2
Sincere, S.	1 1/2
Wing On (H.K.), S.	42 1/2
Powell, Ltd. etc., S.	90 1/2

COTTON MILLS	
Evo Sh., S.	20 1/2
Shai Cotton Sh., S.	105 1/2
Zong Shing, S.	30 1/2
Wing On Textile, S.	40 1/2

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H.K. Entertainment, S.	640 1/2
Constructions, S.	13 1/2
Vibro Piling, S.	630 1/2
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925, S.	64 1/2
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan, S.	64 1/2
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% par, S.	13 1/2
Marmans (Lond.), S.	13 1/2
Marmans (H.K.), S.	4 1/2

U.S. Precaution

Washington, Apr. 13.—Senator Tom Connally has introduced a Bill in Congress to impose drastic taxes on individuals and corporations during war time in order to prevent profiteering.—United Press.

BERLIN 'IRRITATED' AT THREAT

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depending on the next move of the Axis Powers. Official German circles show a reluctance to comment before carefully examining the full-text of the statement, but an inspired declaration issued to the foreign press taken Mr. Chamberlain to task on many points in his speech, and attacks alleged British propaganda methods.

Adriatic Not Part Of Mediterranean!

Italian political circles, basing their view on the summarised reports of the statement, held that Mr. Chamberlain had recognised the fact that Albania did not constitute a branch of the Anglo-Italian agreement so long as this was "properly interpreted."

The same observation was made regarding the Mediterranean status quo. Mr. Chamberlain's claim that the Adriatic is part of the Mediterranean is disputed, and scepticism prevails regarding Britain's capacity to carry out the undertakings given to Rumania and Greece, just as in the case of Poland.

Italy's own pledge to Greece is rendering the British guarantee to that country superfluous.—Reuter.

Firmness Welcomed

London, Apr. 13.—A highly favourable reception has been accorded Mr. Chamberlain's statement by the public and press, the consensus of opinion being reflected in the first press comments which emphasise that England hopes for peace, but is willing to fight.

Parliamentary quarters welcome the "quiet firmness" of the Premier's remarks, and even the Labour Party members speak in a commendatory manner of the decisive steps taken by the Government.

Mr. Attlee's speech is criticised as being ineffective as it gives the Authoritarian States grounds for asserting that the British Government is disunited.

Conservative circles emphasise that the clef between the Government and the group behind Mr. Anthony Eden and Mr. Winston Churchill has now been bridged. Both Mr. Churchill and Mr. Eden have indicated their agreement with the Government policy.

Particular attention is drawn to the fact that although Germany was not mentioned by name, Mr. Chamberlain's remarks were largely directed at her. It is against Germany, whose assumed aggressive intentions, the guaranteed policy of the Government is directed.

Rome-Berlin Discord?

A slight hope of drawing Italy away from the Axis also seems to be in Government circles, who believe that they see indication of discord between Rome and Berlin. Should reports from Rome that Count Ciano is to be replaced in the Foreign Ministry by Count Grandi, be true, this would be accepted as a further sign of the weakening of the Axis.

Italian circles in London indicate that Albania was occupied by Italy to prevent Yugoslavia from being drawn into the German sphere of influence.

Opinion prevails that Mr. Chamberlain avoided any reference to Yugoslavia in pledging Britain's assistance to the Balkan countries, out of regard for Italy, and in order not to disturb the budding Italo-Yugoslav relations.—Trans-Ocean.

Rumanian Satisfaction

BUCHAREST, Apr. 14.—The Anglo-French guarantee to Rumania and Greece has caused great satisfaction in Bucharest where it is emphasised that any contribution to the maintenance of Rumanian independence and territorial integrity will be welcome.

Official quarters express the belief that the Rumanian Foreign Minister's visit to Berlin will not be prejudiced by the guarantee.—United Press.

Due To France

London, Apr. 13.—That King Carol of Rumania sent a plea for assistance to London is officially denied here, but authoritative circles leave no doubt about the fact that the guarantee of assistance to Rumania was due entirely to the French Government.

The French Ambassador, M. Charles Corbin spoke with Viscount Halifax this morning shortly before the British Cabinet meeting, and is said to have expressed to him the wish of the French Government for Rumania to be included in the guarantee declaration.—Trans-Ocean.

LETTERS

To the Editor, Hongkong Telegraph

LEFT BOOK CLUB

Sir,—The Hongkong Group of the Left Book Club was formed recently in addition to more than 1,100 local groups already existing in England and the Dominions.

Founded in 1936 with the original purpose of providing machinery by which books of urgent political importance could be issued at a very low price, the Left Book Club has become a fellowship and a movement aiming at promoting the ideals of humanity, democracy and peace in opposition to Fascism and warlike destruction of people and civilization.

The work of the Left Book Club in Hongkong apart from following the general routine of discussing the book of the month, will be concentrated upon giving aid to China, and with this aim in view the Committee has planned to combine lectures and discussions on vital problems concerning China with practical help to wounded soldiers and destitute civilian population.

On April 17 the Group will gather for discussing Agnes Smedley's latest book "China Fights Back" (first-hand

OPPOSITION NOT YET SATISFIED

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House of Lords, similar to that delivered by the Premier in the House of Commons.

Announcing that if the independence of Greece and Rumania was threatened, and they considered it vital to resist aggression, Britain would lend them all the support in her power, Viscount Halifax added that this declaration was being communicated to the governments directly concerned, and to others, especially Turkey, whose close relations with Greece were known.

Viscount Halifax said that he understood France was making a similar declaration.

Referring to the withdrawal of Italian troops from Spain, Viscount Halifax stated that Count Ciano had informed Lord Perth on April 9 that when the troops went, Italian planes and pilots would also leave.

Soviet Alliance

Lord Snell and Lord Lothian, on behalf of the Labour and Liberal parties, urged an alliance with Russia as absolutely vital.

Viscount Halifax, replying to the debate, referred to Russia, and emphasised that the Government had met real difficulties, which were not of their making. He had, throughout these anxious weeks, done his best to keep the Soviet Ambassador closely informed of the Government's view (with just regard to the confidence of others) with regard to the difficulties felt in other quarters. Viscount Halifax assured the House that nothing was further from the thought of the Government that they themselves should impose any ideological ideas in the way of their determination to use their best efforts to bring together all whom they might, on the side of respect for international relations, and those things which they all considered were a safeguard and a buttress.

He added that the Government would do everything in its power to remove the difficulties.—Reuter.

Lloyd George Caustic

London, Apr. 13.—In a speech at Pwllheli, Wales, last night, Mr. Lloyd George, addressing his constituents, condemned Mr. Chamberlain's trust in dictators and urged a definite military understanding with Russia aimed at halting aggression.

"We are hemmed in on the west and east in the Mediterranean," he declared. "If we give them more time to complete the process that vital sea route will be practically closed to us and we shall be at the mercy of the aggressors. We have been fooled repeatedly and now we are to be fooled again by infinitely cleverer men than those to whom the destinies of Britain and the Empire are now committed."

Mr. Lloyd George warned his hearers that the next raid from either or both aggressors would come shortly. He attacked Japan's repeated breaches of faith.—United Press.

Anti-Axis Alliance

Mr. Hugh Dalton, Opposition Labour, urged a British-French-Russian military alliance against aggression, whether in Europe, Asia, or North Africa.

Sir John Simon, replying for the Government, emphasised that there was no sort of desire to exclude Russia or to take full advantage of the help of Russia in the cause of peace.

Replying to Mr. Dalton, who asked whether the British Government at any time had proposed to the Russians a definite Anglo-Franco-Soviet military alliance, Sir John Simon said: "Although I cannot say that a particular proposition has been made, the House may take it that the British Government is raising no objection in principle to any such proposition."

The debate concluded without a vote being taken, and the House adjourned until Tuesday next.—Reuter.

Naked Aggression

Taking part in the debate, Sir Archibald Sinclair, the Liberal Party leader, said of Albania:

"This naked act of aggression tears to tatters the last shred of the policy of appeasement. It violates the Anglo-Italian agreement, and the gentlemen's agreement on which that agreement was based."

"We are faced by an act of conspiracy between the Axis Powers." Sir Archibald Sinclair asked for a Ministry of Supply without delay, observing: "Let us be prepared to prove our resolution, and then let us rally others who are threatened, to our common cause."

Sir Archibald emphasised the need of friendship with Russia.

Good Reception

On the whole the Premier's speech met with a good reception among members of the House of Commons.

Government supporters recognise that with so much depending upon the attitude and willingness for the action of other governments, the Premier's task is not an easy one.

They applaud his statement regarding Rumania and Greece, though some members express the view that Mr. Chamberlain did not go far enough, and that a more definite line would have been better.

They would like to press for a fuller statement regarding the relationship between Britain and Russia, as they believe that a definite agreement between the two countries would be extremely useful in the present state of world affairs.—Reuter.

account of the 8th Route Army) and for defining the programme of future activities.

ANNA FRANKEL,
Secretary-Convenor,
THE LEFT BOOK CLUB.

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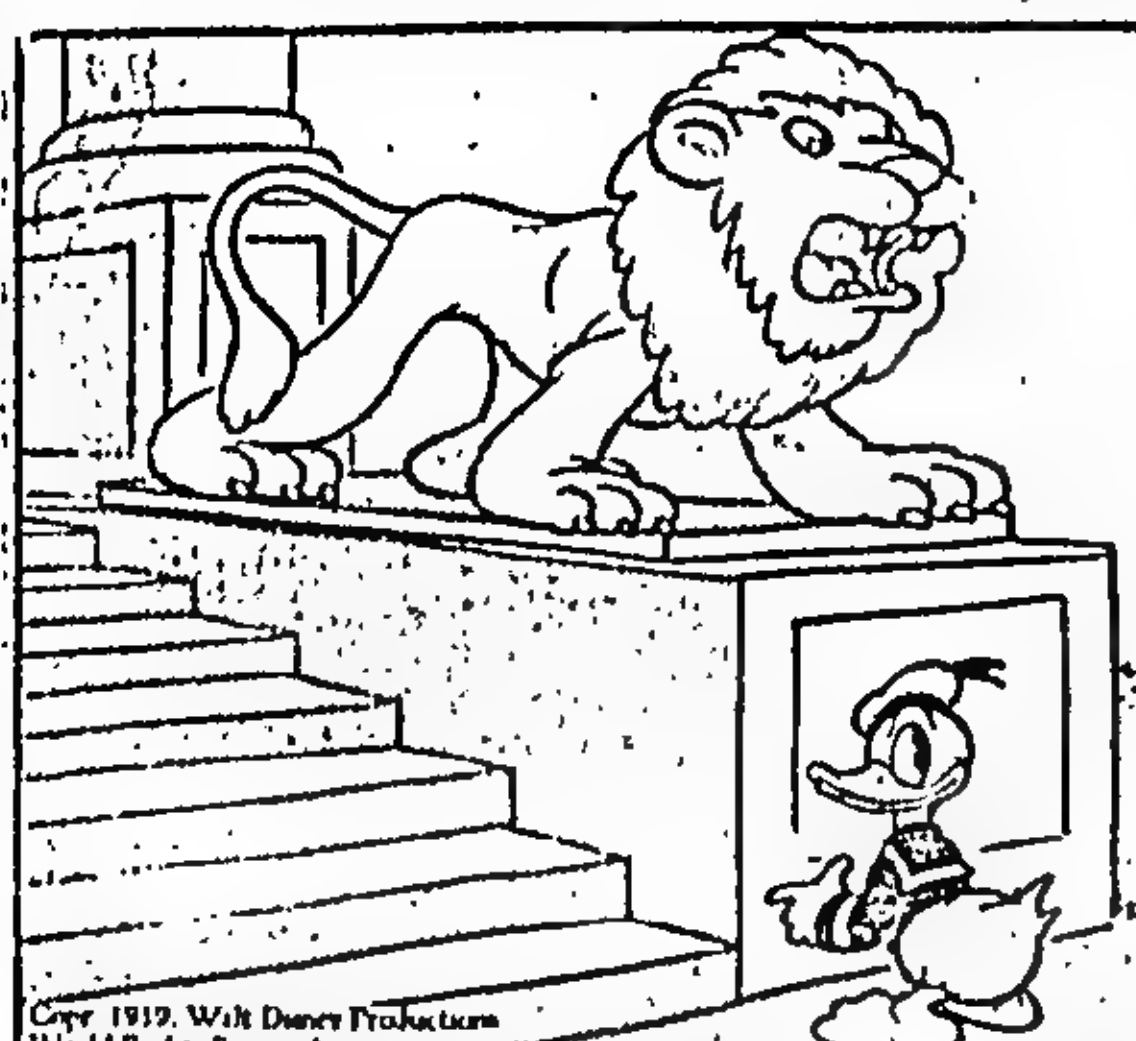
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Shanghai and Amoy	Sochow	April 14.
Tientsin and Swatow	Yunnan	April 14.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai—(San Francisco date, 17th March)	Asama Maru	April 15.
Straits	Diomed	April 15.
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Manila	Neptuna	April 15.
Swatow	Newchwang	April 15.
Manila and Straits	Rosville	April 15.
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Japan and Shanghai	Ajax	April 19.
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Bangkok and Swatow	Muinam	April 19.
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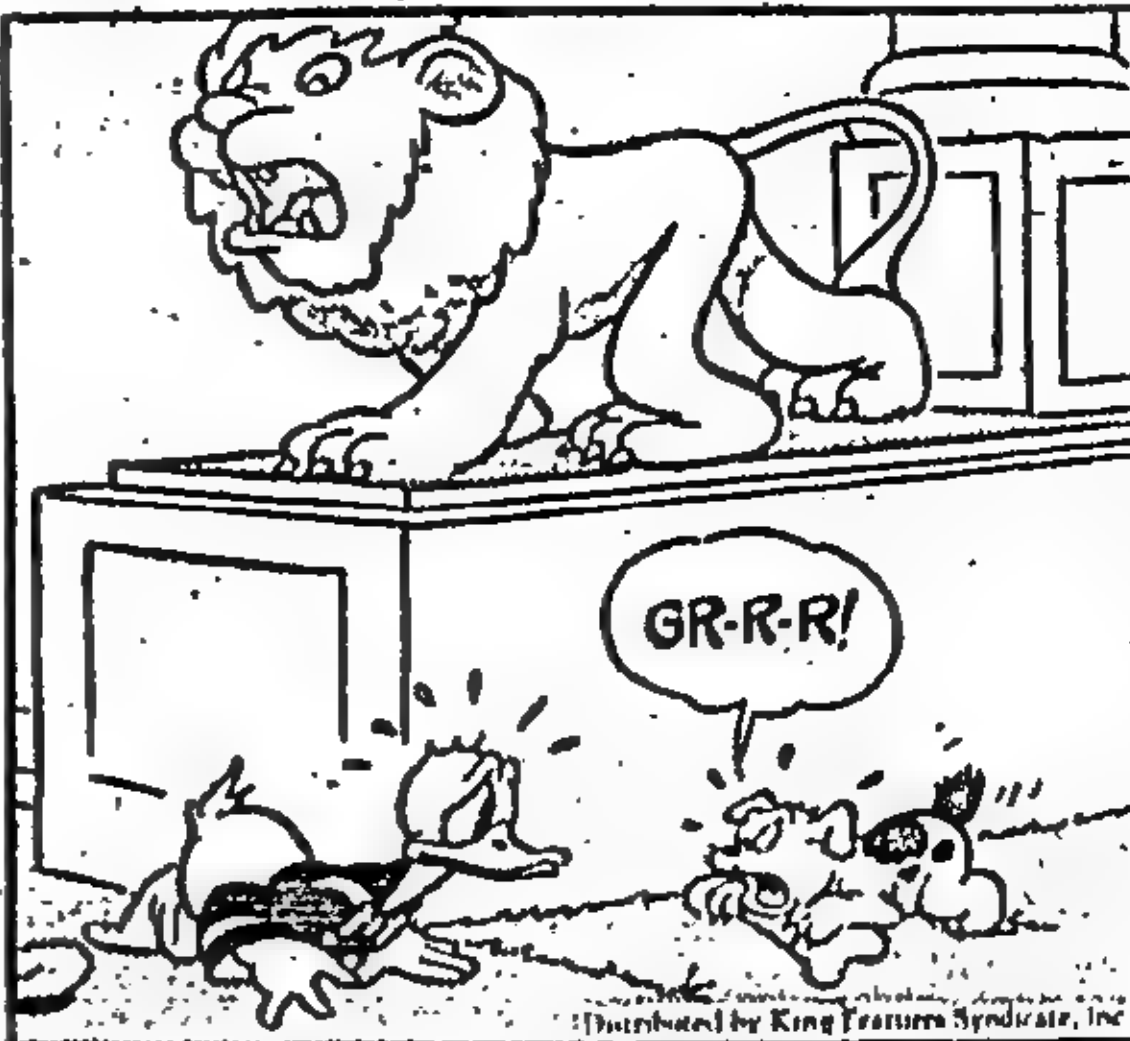
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Shanghai	Regensburg	Fri., Apr. 14, 6.30 p.m.
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	Ord.	Apr. 14, 5.30 p.m.
	Reg.	Apr. 14, 7 p.m.
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Manila	Pres. Adams	Fri., Apr. 14, 7 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt, Malta and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 12th May.	Corfu	Fri., Apr. 14, G. P. O. and K. P. O.
	Parcels	Apr. 14, 5 p.m.
	Reg.	Apr. 15, 8.45 a.m.
	Ord.	Apr. 15, 10.30 a.m.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, and U.S.A. by the "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco 21st April.	Pan American Airways plane	Fri., Apr. 14, K. P. O.
	Reg.	Apr. 14, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord.	Apr. 14, 5.30 p.m.
	Reg.	Apr. 14, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord.	Apr. 15, 7.30 a.m.
Saturday		
Air Mail for "K. L. M.—Airways Direct Service"—due Amsterdam, 25th April.	Cortu	Sat., Apr. 15, G. P. O. and K. P. O.
	Reg.	Apr. 15, 9.30 a.m.
	Ord.	Apr. 15, 10 a.m.
Fort Bayard, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Soochow	Sat., Apr. 15, 2 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Central and South America via San Francisco and (Eapers only for Canada)—due San Francisco, 8th May	Asama Maru	Sat., Apr. 15, G. P. O. and K. P. O.
	Reg.	Apr. 15, 4.15 p.m.
	Ord.	Apr. 15, 5 p.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 28th April.	Changto	Sat., Apr. 15, G. P. O. and K. P. O.
	Parcels	Apr. 15, 3 p.m.
	Reg.	Apr. 15, 4.15 p.m.
	Ord.	Apr. 15, 5 p.m.

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SAPPERS' APPEAL

Two Men Succeed While Two Others Fail

Four Chinese sappers of the Royal Engineers figured in two appeals against sentences before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor in the Appeal Court yesterday.

Appellant in the first case was Sapper Ho Yau, and he appealed against sentence of six months' hard labour imposed by Mr. R. D. Forrest, First Magistrate, on a charge of assault occasioning grievous bodily harm. Complainant was Tam Sing, and it was stated that the assault took place in Lockhart Road on March 6.

Mr. Peter H. Sin, for appellant, said the appeal was brought on the ground that there was evidence to support the conviction. He asked the Court to disregard the notes which the Magistrate had put at the end of the depositions, because they were inserted after the appeal had been lodged.

His Lordship remarked that the notes referred to were not depositions, and in any event they were immaterial. Complainant had stated that the hole in his jacket was made by a knife, and it was therefore proper to infer that the cut he had received in the arm was made by such a weapon.

Mr. Sin submitted that in a criminal case no such inference could be made. Without the notes there was no evidence of wounding, and because the jacket was cut it could not be inferred that the skin was broken.

Counsel then quoted authorities to show what constituted a wound. He contended that the continuity of the skin must be broken before it could be regarded as a wound; a mere scratch even though the bone underneath might be broken, was not enough.

Complainant had stated that he had never seen appellant before stabbing, but there was no evidence that the skin was broken or that any blood had come out of the wound. It might very well have been a bruise. Further, there was no medical evidence as to the nature of the injury, and an Indian constable had testified that when he approached the parties the complainant had made no mention of having been stabbed.

Ample Evidence

Mr. J. B. Prentiss, Assistant Crown Solicitor, submitted that there was ample evidence to show that the complainant had been cut in the arm and chest. The Magistrate was perfectly justified in making the note that a blood stained vest with a hole in it had been produced, and to infer from that that there had been a cut with a knife.

After commenting that the Magistrate was perfectly entitled to make notes referred to, his Lordship said the case was unsatisfactory as the police evidence was extremely scanty, no knife had been produced, nor was there any evidence to show that appellant had such a weapon.

However, his duty was only to find whether there was sufficient evidence to justify the conviction, and in this respect he found there had been an expressed statement by complainant that a knife had been used and that the use of such weapon had resulted in cuts in the arm and chest, as well as reference on two occasions to the depositions on the stabbing. In his view there was clear evidence of a wound, and the appeal must therefore be dismissed.

Sentences Altered

The other appeal was brought by Sappers Wong Tim, Kwok Chung, 23, and Lo Kam-po, 25, who were each sentenced to three months' hard labour by Mr. Forrest for having in their possession jack-knives fit for an unlawful purpose.

Mr. Sin submitted that the sentence was manifestly excessive and wrong in principle. The sentence imposed was the maximum and this, in his opinion, was too severe especially in view of the fact that there was no evidence that appellants had been involved in any light or disturbance, and they were allowed to carry the knives whilst in barracks. The only

evidence was that they were found carrying the weapons in Wanchai on March 6.

Continuing, Mr. Sin contended that the principle under which the sentence was passed was wrong. There must be some proportion between the punishment and the crime, he said, and quoted authorities to show that severe sentences for trivial offences were not justified in the absence of any aggravating circumstances.

In the present case, the offence was extremely trivial. The men were entitled to carry the knives in barracks, and it was only by accident that they were found to have possession of the weapons outside the compound. Curiously enough, the Magistrate did not inquire from Capt. Matthews, the Commanding Officer, who was in Court, as to the character of the men, nor was Sub-Inspector Durkin, who had charge of the case, asked what he knew of them as the result of inquiries.

Respectability Plea

If the Magistrate had done so he would undoubtedly have treated the appellants as respectable members of His Majesty's Forces. Instead of thinking they were a gang of blood-thirsty hoodlums.

His Lordship remarked that according to the depositions it seemed to him that the offence against the third appellant was much graver than the other two. The first two appellants had stated that they did not know of the Army regulations, while the third said he carried the knife because he thought there would be a "free-for-all."

"I do feel," continued His Lordship, "that it is extremely unfair to say the first two appellants were concerned—though they are only appealing against sentence—the only offence which they committed was an offence against the Army regulations. They might be punished by their own authorities, but this does not detract from the jurisdiction of the Magistrate."

His Lordship then quashed the sentences against the first two appellants, and substituted a term of 31 days, which meant their immediate discharge.

In the case of the third appellant, the appeal was dismissed.

A. R. P. WARDEN COURSES

A.R.P. Warden courses have been arranged as follows:

English Classes: La Salle College, Kowloon, every Tuesday and Friday at 6 p.m. commencing on Tuesday, April 18; Diocesan Girls School, Kowloon, every Tuesday and Friday at 6 p.m. commencing on Tuesday, April 18.

First Aid—A.R.P. Y.M.C.A. Salisbury Road, Kowloon, every Monday at 11 a.m. commencing on Monday, April 17.

Chinese Classes: Tai Tung School, Kowloon, every Tuesday and Friday at 7 p.m. commencing on Tuesday, April 11. (The first lecture has already been held, but a resume of it will be given to candidates on April 14).

Tung Mui Middle School, 127 Heard Street, Wanchai, every Monday and Thursday at 7 p.m. commencing on Monday, April 17.

In addition, it is proposed to hold a course for English-speaking residents at the Club Lusitano, Ice House Street, Hongkong.

PERTH RETIRING

British Ambassador in Rome at Age Limit

Rome, Apr. 13. The British Ambassador in Rome, Lord Perth, who is leaving the diplomatic service after attaining the age limit, will, it is stated, take his departure from the Italian capital in about 10 days.

Lord Perth, who as Sir Eric Drummond was formerly the Secretary-General of the League of Nations, has been Ambassador in Rome since October 1933. His successor, Sir Percy Loraine, is not expected to take over the Embassy before the end of April unless unforeseen circumstances should arise.—Trans-Ocean.

Defendant's Case

European Charged In Traffic Court

Hearing of the traffic summons against A. G. Hargrave, of Imperial Chemical Industries (China) Ltd., was continued before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistrate's Court yesterday, when evidence was given by defendant. The case was then adjourned until to-morrow, when Inspector S. C. Saunders, for the prosecution, and Mr. F. G. Nibel for the defence, will address the Court.

Charges of driving a car while under the influence of liquor, and driving without due care and caution, were made against Hargrave following an accident in Bonham Road on February 22 at 1.20 p.m., when he is alleged to have swerved from near King's College, after having been on the wrong side of the road, and to have collided with a motor-cycle driven by Woo Kam-tai.

Mr. Alfred Y. Hon held a "watching" brief for Woo.

Defendant, in evidence, said that he went to the Gloucester Lounge on the morning of February 22 about 11.10 a.m. and stayed there until about 1 p.m. He was with a party of friends, and during that time had taken three gin slings.

After leaving the Gloucester Lounge, he picked up his car which was parked near a Sanyo lace shop, and drove from there up to Bonham Street.

He was driving on the left centre of the road when he noticed the motor-cycle about 20 yards ahead, and which appeared to be on his side of the road. He continued to drive on, as he expected the motor-cycle to go on to the correct side of the road. After continuing for another 10 yards, the motor-cycle appeared to be still heading straight for him. He swerved left and braked, and about a split second later, there appeared to be a head-on collision.

Life was doing about 12 to 15 miles an hour when he saw the motor-cycle, and was on his right side of the road.

He was slightly dazed by the collision, and was helped out of the car by a Mrs. Kirk, who took him to the Queen Mary Hospital. He was brought back to the court by Mr. Nigel the number of drinks he was in the habit of taking daily, defendant said he always took three or four whiskies in the evenings.

Drinks at Week-Ends

Are you in the habit of drinking every day in the week at lunch time? Not every day, but three or four times a week.

At the week-ends? Always.

That accounts for two of the four days.—Yes.

Have you drunk three gin slings at midday before without serious or harmful effects?—Yes.

And have you driven a car without any serious effects?—Yes, even after drinking more than three.

Defendant concluded by saying he was able to, and did, exercise proper control over his car on the day of the accident.

Questioned by Inspector Saunders, defendant said he was in the Gloucester Lounge for about two hours that morning, and had taken three gin slings only.

He could not account for the motor-cycle appearing to make straight for his car, but he thought it had overtaken the corner when taking it, and was on the wrong side of the road. The motor-cycle had made straight for him, and he had apparently left it too late before swerving aside.

Hearing was then adjourned until noon to-morrow.

CITY ROBBERY

Valuable Rings Missing From Jewellers

A robbery, remarkable for its coolness and daring, yesterday left a well-known city jeweller's store poorer by several thousands of dollars and the police with few clues.

The victims were Messrs. Falcone and Company, of Pedder Street, and their loss comprised three platinum and diamond rings worth \$6,480.

Little is known of how the rings were stolen, but they were discovered missing some time after three Chinese, who had entered the shop and discussed the price of a watch one of them wished to purchase, had left. The incident occurred about 3 p.m. During the time the three customers were in the shop nothing unusual was noticed by any of the shop assistants, and all are mystified as to the way the rings had apparently been spirited away.

Police are making enquiries.

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

April 14, 1889. General opposition is arising in Germany against the proposed measures to be brought forward by Government to supersede the present Socialist Law, curtailing especially the liberties of the press.

25 YEARS AGO

April 14, 1914. A strong feeling of protest was aroused in Canterbury at the decision of the Prison Commission to recommend that executions for Kent take place in the Cathedral City instead of, as at present, in the remote town of Maidstone. At a meeting, which resolved to send a deputation from the city to the Home Secretary, Dean Wace objected to Canterbury being made the Newgate of Kent. (The protest proved successful.—Ed.)

10 YEARS AGO

April 14, 1929. Hongkong yesterday lost one of its most popular residents when Mr. C. H. Wilson, of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, left for home by the P. and O. s.s. Naldora after more than 30 years' residence in the Colony.

5 YEARS AGO

April 14, 1934. At the end of this month, Messrs. William Powell, Ltd., one of the leading establishments in Hongkong for gentlemen's wear, are moving from their present premises in Queen's Road to the new building which has been erected in Ice House Street.

Messrs. Swan, Culbertson and Fritz, who are at present housed in Asia Life Building, will then take over the premises to be vacated by Messrs. William Powell.

Full acknowledgment of their right to control competitive swimming in the Colony has been expressed by the Shanghai Amateur Swimming Association to the Victoria Recreation Club, whose co-operation has been requested for the northern body with a view to arranging inter-colonial races in the future.

EVIDENCE CONFLICTS

Magistrate Discharges Accused Man

Because of contradictory evidence given by witnesses for the prosecution, two charges of travelling on a private car in the direction of Tai-po, denied the charge through Mr. F. H. Losby.

Prosecuting, Traffic Sub-Inspector A. R. Brittain said that on March 15 defendant was driving a lorry along Tai-po Road towards Kowloon and Mr. J. T. Lock was driving a private car in the direction of Tai-po. Just about 200 yards from the Water Works Station there was a left hand bend for the lorry driver and a right hand bend for the driver of the private car.

"On this particular corner," continued the Sub-Inspector, "a collision occurred when the off-side of the lorry struck the off-side of the car. The lorry stopped and remained in position on the road and the car was just on the edge of the road. There were four persons in the car at that time. I went to the scene of the accident and took measurements, in consequence of which the summons was issued. The danger was that the lorry was out wide on this left-hand bend, and in being so far out, it collided with the other car."

Sub-Inspector Brittain also said that the lorry had a side mark of seven feet six inches, it having been caused by a rear wheel of the lorry.

SEQUEL TO MISHAP

No Case Made Out Against Driver

Alleged to have driven in a dangerous manner in Tai-po Road, Wong Shing-hau was summoned before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court yesterday. He denied the charge through Mr. F. H. Losby.

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Came Round Corner

After Mr. Lock had given evidence corroborative of the opening, Mr. W. J. Richards said he was sitting next to Mr. Lock when the accident occurred. The lorry, he said, came round the corner at some speed, and seemed to witness to be travelling at too great a speed to take the corner close in. The accident occurred very suddenly, and there appeared to be no time to avoid it on the part of Mr. Lock. The car was struck about the centre of the running-board and pushed to the side of the road.

Cross-examined by Mr. Losby, witness said he could not say what speed the lorry was travelling at. Mr. Lock was travelling at approximately 20 miles an hour.

Acting Traffic Sub-Inspector J. Scribbs said he tested the lorry in Chatham Road. On application of the foot brake at a speed of 20 miles an hour, the lorry stopped in 18 feet. On application of both brakes, it stopped in the same distance. On application of the hand-brake alone, the lorry stopped in 42 feet. The lorry was old, but was in a fair mechanical condition.

Replying to Mr. Losby, witness said that the side mark was 7 feet 6 inches indicated that the lorry was travelling at from 10 to 11 miles an hour.

Mr. Losby submitted that his client had no case to answer. His Worship agreed, and dismissed the summons after saying he was satisfied that there was insufficient evidence in the case to call upon the defendant.

The second mock air raid started at 10.55 when bombers flew over Rome. Immediately after this anti-aircraft guns started firing, using red coloured powder.

A general black-out is expected some time to-night.—United Press.

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12.35 Beethoven—Sonata in F Minor, Op. 87 ("Appassionata"). Rudolf Serkin (Piano).

1.0 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 B.B.C. Recording—"A Northern Evening From Buxton". Arranged by T. Thompson.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.40 A Dance Programme. Fox-Trots—Must See Annie Tonight; Brother Bill ... Brian Lawrence and His Landsdowne Orchestra.

chestra with Vocal Chorus. Fox-Trots—A Pretty Girl Is Like A Melody (Alm "The Great Ziegfeld"). Roy Fox & His Orch. with Vocal Refrain by Denny Dennis.

Quicksteps—Lookin' Around Corners For You (Alm "Head Over Heels"). Love And Learn (Alm "That Girl From Paris"). Sidney Torch (Organ). Tango—Madame, You're Lovely; Spider Of The Night ... Mantovani and His Tipica Orchestra.

Fox-Trots—Saddle Your Blues To A Wild Mustang; Please Believe Me ... Roy Fox & His Orchestra with Vocal Refrain. Blues—Chase The Blues Away; Fox-Trot—I May Be Wrong ... Chick Webb & His Orch.

2.15 Close down.

6.0 Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel.

(a) Feeling in my heart; (b) Goin' Back to Town; (c) Blue Skies; (d) Meet the beat of my heart.

6.14 Record: When The Poppies Bloom Again (Morrow-Pelosi); South Sea Island Magic (Tumarkin-Long).

The Street Singer (Arthur Tracy) with Instrumental Accompaniment.

6.21 (a) Symphony; (b) Glimina Mire; (c) One day when we were young; (d) Il Ballo.

6.35 Records: You're The Top (Porter); I Get A Kick Out Of You (from "Anything Goes") ... Annona Winn and Billy Marlow (Vocal Duet with Orchestra). Joy Dance (Klirby) ... Ernest Jones (Banjo) with Leslie Earlhart at the Piano.

6.44 (a) I let a Song go out of my heart; (b) Miss Annabella Brown; (c) That Foolish Feeling; (d) Rose Room.

7.0 Closing local Stock Quotations.

7.02 Fifty Minutes of Variety with Sandy Powell, Patricia Rossborough, Josephine Baker, London Piano-Accordion Band and Others.

Accordions—Band—Au Revoir (Gilbert); A Waltz Was Born in Vienna (Crooker-Loewe) ... London Piano-Accordion Band under the direction of Scott Wood with Vocal Chorus.

Chorus—Intro: No Regrets; Laughing Irish Eyes: A Fine Romance; Serenade in the Night; Take my Heart ... Patricia Rossborough.

Vocal—Afraid To Dream (Alm "You Can't Have Everything"). The Loveliness Of You (Alm "You Can't Have Everything") ... Josephine Baker.

Colling Me Home (Wilfred); I Have Lost My Heart In Budapest (Puszta) ... London Piano-Accordion Band under the direction of Scott Wood with Vocal Chorus.

Sandy And Family At Blackpool (Powell) ... Sandy Powell & Co. (Powell) ... Gerahwin Fox-Trot Medley—Slow Tempo. Intro: Oh Lady Be Good; 'S Wonderful; Looking for a Boy ... Harry Roy's Tiger-Ragmuffins on two pianos with string bass and drums.

Banjo—Medley: Intro: Is It True What they say about Dixie? When a waltz meets a Gentleman down South; Sing, Sing, Sing; San Francisco; Down South ... Tarrant Bailey with Orch.; Piano—A Cavalcade Of Martial Tunes; Intro: There's something about a soldier; The King's Horses; When the Guards are on Parade; When a Toy Drum Major; Squealant Joe; The Candy Man (Crook-Johnson) ... Patricia Rossborough; Xylophone—Rio De Janeiro (de Gredos) ... Rudy Starita with Orchestra.

7.50 Studio—An appeal by Mrs. Dunbar for the proposed Women's International Hotel in Hongkong.

8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 The BBO Symphony Orchestra.

Overture "Alicante" (Gluck); Overture "La Scala Di Siena" (Rossini); Crown Imperial (A Coronation March—1837—Waltton).

8.25 Next week's programme.

8.30 Studio—Concert by Ettore Pellegatti (Cello) and Harry Ore (Piano).

1. La Gitan (Kreisler); 2. Elegy (Ore); Gavotte (Ore) ... Ettore Pellegatti (Cello) and Harry Ore (Piano); 3. Doumka (Tschalkovsky); 4. Gavotte (Glazounov) ... Harry Ore (Piano); 5. Elegiac Poem (Bantok); 6. Taranella (Popper) ... Ettore Pellegatti (Cello) and Harry Ore (Piano).

9.0 London Relay—Under His Ben.

Ry Howard Marshall.

9.15 London Relay—The News.

9.30 London Relay—More Food for Thought.

Short talks on matters of topical interest.

9.45 London Relay—Sports News and Market Notes.

9.50 Leoncavallo's "I Pagliacci". Iva Pacetti (Soprano), B. Gigli (Tenor), G. Neesi (Tenor), M. Basola (Baritone), L. Paci (Baritone), A. Borgi (Bass) and Members of La Scala Orchestra and Chorus, Milan, conducted by Franco Ghione.

11.0 Close down.

Rosemary Lane, star of Warner Bros. Pictures, appearing in "Four Daughters"



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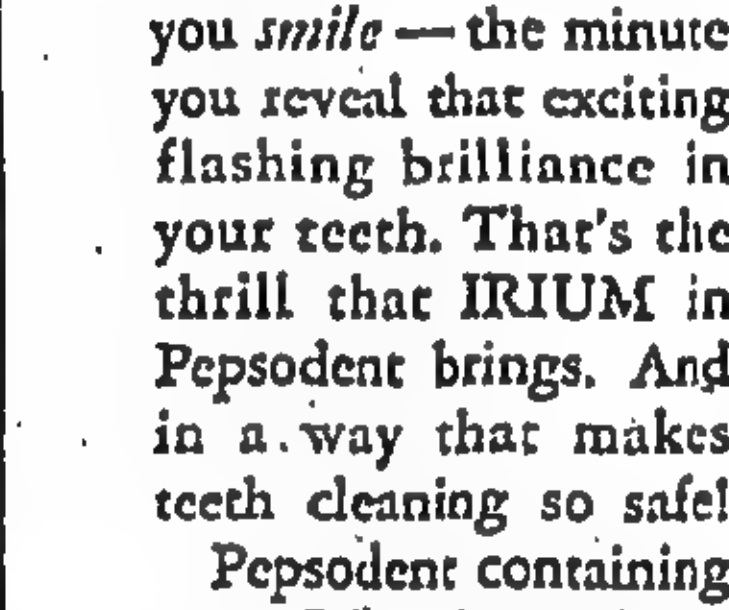
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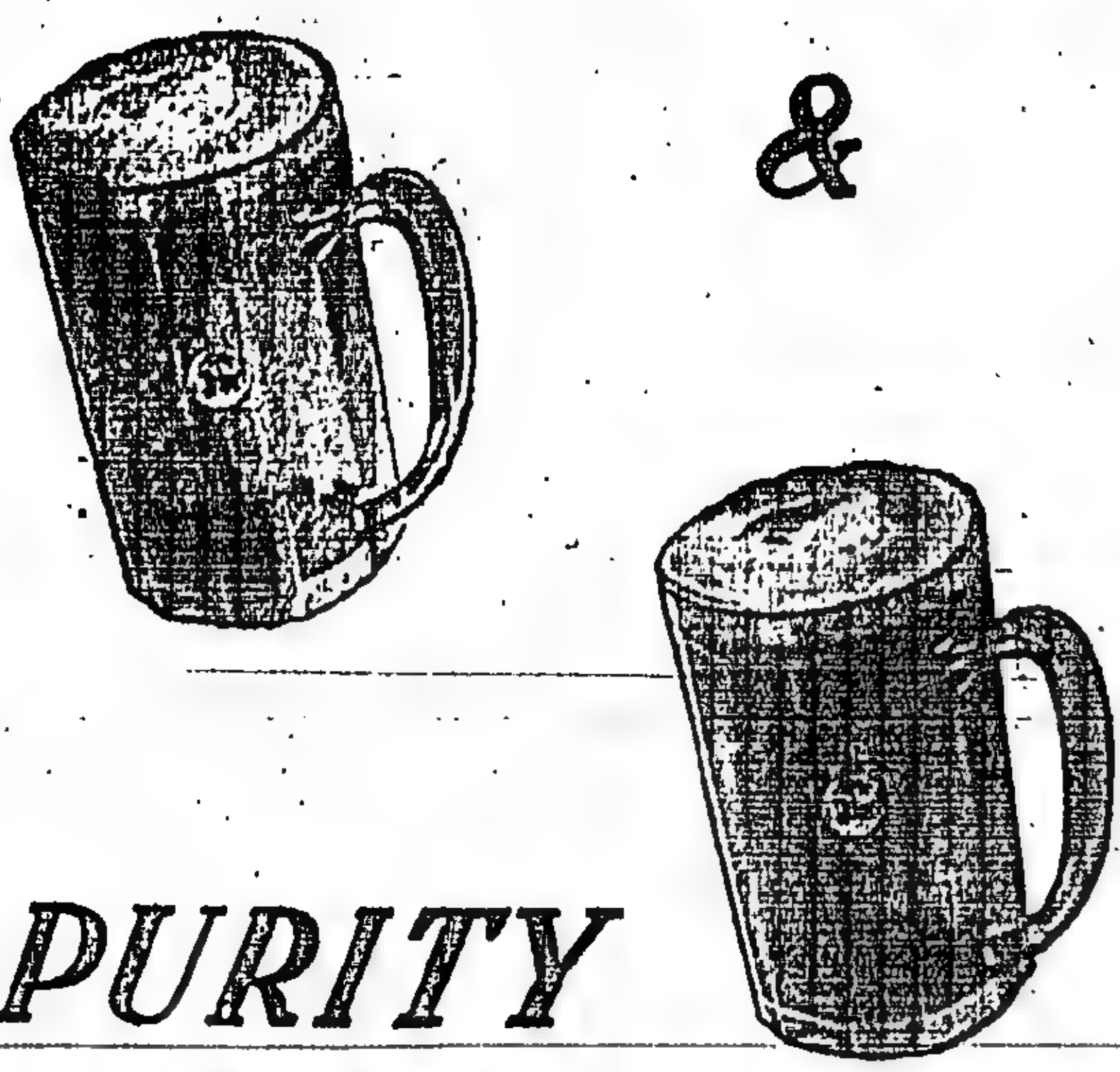
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MARRIAGE

SYMONS—TOD. On 12th April, 1939, at St. John's Cathedral, Hong Kong, Lieutenant John William Douglas Symons, R.A., only son of the late Captain J. H. Symons and Mrs. J. F. H. Usher, of Toronto, Canada, to Margaret Elfrida, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Tod, of Hong Kong.

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April 14, 1939

Gathering The News

ONE disturbing fact has emerged from the crises of the past six months. That is the apparent blindness of the British Foreign Office to what was impending.

The Foreign Minister, Lord Halifax, could not have chosen a more inopportune moment, from his point of view, in which to castigate news agencies and the correspondents of London newspapers who told readers that Hitler would march into Czechoslovakia on March 15.

Lord Halifax announced on March 11—his announcement was carried by Hongkong by Reuters—that the international outlook here had improved and that newspapers were scaremongering. The skies were blue—until the bolt came. And no Department was, seemingly, more astonished than the Foreign Office.

The newspapers reported a week beforehand that the next move would be in Memel. Their announcement was deplored as unofficial speculation. But they were right.

The newspapers gave warning four days beforehand that Italy would march into Albania. Here in Hongkong we received protests for publishing such speculation. But the news agencies which supplied us with the news knew more, apparently, than the British Government, which, as Mr. Chamberlain admitted last night, relied on assurances to the contrary by Count Ciano.

Lord Halifax was undoubtedly right when he said that newspapers have a heavy responsibility. But newspapers, especially those separated from events as far as we in Hongkong are, have learned that more credence can be placed on reports emanating from news agencies, and especially American news agencies, than on the spokesmen of the British Government.

The responsibility of a newspaper to publish only official, or official-inspired, reports of international developments surely ends when, as has happened time and again, they discover that those sources of information do not represent what is happening.

The British Secret Service spends something like £500,000 per annum in ferreting out the secrets of other countries. Doubtless, the information supplied to the British Government is illuminating. If it is on a par with the official representations that have been made for public consumption through the Press, it is also inaccurate.

Fortunately, modern newspapers and news agencies spend equally or even more lavishly for their information on the same subject. That has been one of the secrets of their success in the past six months.

We do not believe we would best serve the interests of our readers were we to voluntarily censor or "tone down" the reports we receive from News Agencies, excepting, of course, from those agencies who are frankly nationally propagandist. If the British Government attaches so much weight to the speculations and forecasts of its Secret Service that it appropriates without question, over half a million pounds for the continuance of this service, we are equally justified in attaching weight

Belgium has a new Government after six weeks of wrangling and crisis. Why has there been so much fuss about the political situation in this tiny Kingdom? Surely they've had elections before and anyway, it's purely a question for Belgians, isn't it?



THE TWO "RACES" IN BELGIUM

EUROPE'S statesmen keenly watched the electoral crisis in little Belgium.

First, Foreign Minister Georges Bonnet watched on behalf of France; and you may as well know that Bonnet is not highly thought of in Belgium.

However, France was concerned, because ever since King Leopold started the neutrality movement in 1936, Belgium has passed out of the sphere of French influence.

France did not believe that the neutrality plan worked both ways until the September crisis, when the Belgians, prepared to defend their neutrality, rushed troops to the French as well as to the German frontier.

I can now tell you that to the French frontier the Belgians sent 150,000 men, roughly half the number they mobilised.

They meant business, too, blew up houses to get proper sights for their artillery. This was denied in the Belgian Chamber. One night I had them blown up.

A twist in this election may have altered that attitude, so Mr. Bonnet watched.

HELPED THE GERMANS

GERMANY was interested, too, for out of this struggle, they hoped, would emerge a stronger, more violent autonomist movement among the Flemish, one of the two races that go to make up Belgium. But they were disappointed for the pro-Germans were routed.

The Flemish are Teutonic, like the Germans, and the Germans, bitten with race theories, imagined that they could expect more from the Flemish than from the present mixture which includes the Walloons who are French in language, culture, and sentiment.

The Germans thought back to the war, when extremist Flemings helped the Germans as did Dr. Martens, whose nomination for the Flemish Academy of Medicine, approved by the King and his Cabinet, caused the row in Belgium.

The Germans note, however, that the Belgians have built

to the speculative comments of the correspondents of news agencies in the various capitals of Europe.

It is no idle boast to say that they have greater facilities for gathering accurate information than have diplomatic officials or secret service agents; they have certainly proven, during the past six months, that either the British Secret Service has been singularly mis-informed or the British Foreign Office is releasing information to the Press with its tongue in its cheek.

If the British Foreign Office is as ill-informed as recent happenings would have us believe, the country is badly served by its representatives in the capitals of Europe. For big events to burst without any warning or premonition, except that supplied by the newspapers (and denied officially as "scare-mongering") must be bad for national stability and a danger to Britain's security.

It would be senseless to lull ourselves into a sense of false optimism simply because "political circles" or "diplomatic circles"—favourite terms for speculation—hide the fact that the information is from official or semi-official sources—say that the air is clearing.

Do not delude yourselves into believing that conditions in Europe are such that the world can afford to relax, until the people who make it their business to find out the news correspondents—tell you so.

PEACE in the MEDITERRANEAN

Says
SIR CHAS. HARRINGTON
EX-GOVERNOR OF GIBRALTAR

MANY people think Gibraltar is an island with a rock on it, but it isn't! It is a little bit of Spain which has belonged to England for very many years, since 1704, and in my opinion will belong to England for many more.

We in Gibraltar were totally unprepared at the time of the crisis last September. It is difficult to know what the effect on Gibraltar would have been had a conflict arisen.

The French had certainly massed a large force on the Spanish Moroccan border and might quite likely have taken Ceuta and Tetuan. In fact, at that time General Franco was bringing troops back from Spain hurriedly to Spanish Morocco.

My information for what it was worth, was that General Franco wished to be neutral, but that Herr Hitler had told him he could be but that he would use his bombers from Spanish aerodromes, and I think it quite likely that if the French had jumped Ceuta he would have retaliated, and, perhaps naturally, on Gibraltar.

I had only four anti-aircraft guns—two at each end of the Rock!

I am told that things are very different now. With unlimited money, while Sir Alexander Godley (the former Governor) and I did not experience in our time, things are improving, and Gibraltar daily grows stronger.

I am always interested when I read of all General Franco's guns which threaten Gibraltar and of all those heavy 12in. howitzers at Palmyra, near Algiers. To my certain knowledge there were never more than four of these great howitzers, and to my certain knowledge they had all been removed over a month before I left Gibraltar (last October): two to the Ebro front and two to Cadix.

Two years before the crisis I had asked for gas masks, and was told that I could expect none before 1939. The Navy and Army had some, but the Colonial Service and civilians not one, and on my return to England at the end of October I passed an outgoing liner with the first gas masks!

Our relations with the Germans at Gibraltar were very interesting.

Quite recently—in fact, directly after the crisis in September and while our own Fleet was still mobilised—I received information that the German pocket battleship Deutschland wished to pay a visit of courtesy.

I entertained the captain and officers to lunch.

H.M.S. Hood was in at the same time and the liaison between the two ships was remarkable. The streets were full of our sailors and their—arm in arm; 85 per cent of the German Navy speak English. The cafes and cinemas were full of their sailors and ours. I was a wonderful sight, and as I told His Majesty on my return, it was a great pity those sailors could not be sent together round all the capitals of Europe.

Our sailors won't fraternise with any other nation, but they have a great respect for the German sailor, and as the Germans themselves say—they got the pick of their nation into their Navy.

NO HOSTILITY

AS regards General Franco's attitude towards Great Britain—not for one moment do I believe that any Franco gun or howitzer was installed with any hostile intention as regards Gibraltar.

I hold no brief for General Franco, but I am quite prepared to say that all the territory which I knew of which was administered by him was better administered than it was before.

I think he will install law and order in the country. For how long, it is impossible to say.

I have no doubt that the various factions, Falangists, Regueteros, Monarchists, and so on, who have held together on his side will all demand their pound of flesh.

With the end of the war his troubles do not end. Far from it.

I doubt whether the Government has a man at all who could lead it.

I am quite convinced of this, and have been for more than two years: the General Franco will not be either German or Italian troops one moment longer than is necessary. He is sick to death of both.

He may keep a certain number of German instructors for a short while.

I have never for a moment even thought that he has ever intended to be dominated by German and Italian Forces. Concessions, yes; but those nations are bound to get concessions.

Before I left, any business houses becoming available in Seville and Malaga were being snapped up by Germans.

"HE WILL TURN TO US"

I REALISE the danger of that influence, but that Spain under Franco is not going to be dictated to by either Herr Hitler or Signor Mussolini. I just don't believe and never have.

I quite realise the danger to us if such an event ever did take place, and I fully recognise what a difficult role our own Government has had throughout, and I think in the end it is quite likely that General Franco, or Spain, will be thankful to us for having kept out of it.

As things look at present it seems to me that the sooner the German and Italian troops are removed the better for the future of Spain and of everyone. I think he will install an effective machinery, but how long he will be able to hold the country one cannot say.

I am firmly of opinion that whatever Franco may think of the British attitude and the hostility to the grant of belligerent rights and so on, when once the war is over, the one Power to whom he will turn for friendship, and possibly money, will be our England. We should then see Gibraltar and the Western Mediterranean back to normal.

IMPROVE THE NAVY "CUT" says PHIPPS

NOT the least gratifying symptom of our Re-armament drive has been the emergence of a sleeker, more streamlined Mr. Atkins. For a year or so now the War Office's battery of designers and couturiers has been working tirelessly on Mr. Atkins' uniform. Countless experimental ensembles have been run up, and as quickly run down again. Military mannequins have endured thousands of pin-pricks in the name of their employment, while one costume after another was rejected as being too bouffant, too insouciant or just the wrong bit too demure for active service.

Now at long last the Malton Bell-sha is ready with its Spring Collection, and the new models will be issued to the excited soldiery in the very near future.

YOU have probably seen photographs of the new Mark Something or other two-piece—whichever ourselves is to be called "Moonglow." And we think you will agree with us that it is utterly, utterly algone, with its cuffs and snugly gusseted pockets for maps and field dressings. But pondering Beau Atkins of 1939 a sudden pang assailed us. With all this fuss about the re-upholstered Land Forces, everybody seems to have forgotten the Senior Service. What do the silent watchdogs of the sea, the heirs of Drake and Nelson, feel about it all?

Tradition, admittedly, insists that sailors don't care; but in his case they'd be supermen if they didn't feel just the tiniest bit hurt, as they roll about in the same old spinnaker trousers and art-striped collaring.

The Navy, we know, is being made steadily more comfortable. Cuisine is constantly being revised and im-



"BUT I prefer it starched, Admiral. It keeps my neck warm."

proved, crews' quarters are better, ladders abound, and now a common place—in fact, battleships are becoming increasingly desirable residences.

Yet the fact remains that the uniform of our Jolly Tars hasn't altered for the thick end of a century.

You may argue that it doesn't need altering. That it is a purely "functional" outfit and ideal for the job.

Or that All the Nice Girls Love a Sailor, and that they mightn't if you changed the wrapper.

But it seems to us unreasonable to suggest that the uniform is incapable of improvement—and we include all ranks.

locker and a not more than half-cocked hat in lieu of the usual.

All the ceremonial gilt would have to go, of course—the epaulettes becoming flush-fitting, oxidised hooks by which the Admiral, in these days of mechanisation, could be slung about from davits, derricks and so on.

It might be a wrench, perhaps, to say good-bye to the full-dress sword. But, as in the modernising of Messrs. Atkins, so it should be with the sea-dog; utility before beauty. The site formerly occupied by the sword might be devoted to a neatly rolled rubber raft—labelled, naturally, "Admiral or 6 ratings."

The above modifications could be carried right down the scale of officers, with certain variations in detail. Paymaster-Commanders, for instance, would have a large cash-register and delivery chute incorporated in the trouser leg; while Surgeon-Commanders' uniform must include a self-compensating asthroscope rack.

COMING down to the A.B.s, the problem is a little more difficult. One alteration we'd be tempted to make, however, would be to remove the name of the ship from the sailors' hats. It gives the girls their address, right at the start.

Again, the existing trousers are manifestly too wide. Afloat, they admit miles from every point of the compass, and ashore they are apt to trip up the excessively Jolly Tar on the stairs which, for a man with a wife in every port is highly inconvenient. We should substitute a pair of ski-ing pants, closing neatly at the ankle, but zipping up for hornpipes when required.

Oh, yes, one last thing: slide-action collapsible counterpane parrot case under the left arm—and don't tell the Marines.

OVERNIGHT NEWS PAGE

War Risk Rates

New York, Apr. 13. Substantial new increases in war risk insurance rates between the United States and Europe are taking effect immediately. Rates to and from the Far East via Suez are also increased. —Reuter.

Balkans Tension

RUMANIA, HUNGARY SITUATION

Bucharest, Apr. 13. Tension in Rumania and Hungary has increased, causing Bucharest to strengthen further its forces on the western border. The renewed tension appears to originate from the violent attacks in the Hungarian press, including an article in which Hungary is said to claim the city of Brashov, which is almost exactly in the centre of post-war Rumania. —United Press.

SOVIET FLEET ACTION

Istanbul, Apr. 13. It became known here last night that twelve units of the Russian navy have passed through the Bosphorus on their way to the Mediterranean. All vessels sailed under cover of night. The squadron is said to be composed of light and heavy cruisers and destroyers belonging to the Soviet Black Sea fleet. Their names have not been revealed. —Trans-Ocean.

Soviet Fleet Plans

Istanbul, Apr. 13. Maritime circles declare that four Soviet destroyers and four submarines have gone through the Dardanelles since Sunday on their way to reinforce the Soviet's Far Eastern fleet. —United Press.

FRENCH GESTURE

Bucharest, Apr. 13. The French Government has officially informed the Rumanian Government that the French Legation in Bucharest has been raised to the status of an Embassy, and at the same time asked for an agreement for the new Ambassador, namely the present Minister in Bucharest, M. Thierry. —Trans-Ocean.

South Africa

Fights Shy Of Albanian Issue

Capetown, Apr. 13. At the re-assembly of the South African Parliament yesterday, the Prime Minister, General Hertzog, replying to the question of the Nationalist leader, Dr. Malan, as to whether it was correct that the new policy of the British Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, had the support of the South African Government, said that the Dominions were not bound by the European engagements of England. General Hertzog added that a debate on foreign political affairs demanded by Dr. Malan would not serve any useful purpose. The affairs of Poland, Albania and their neighbours did not directly concern the South African Union and General Hertzog did not wish that South Africa should be drawn into a conflict. —Trans-Ocean.

SUBMARINE TUNNEL

To Link Shimonoseki And Moji, in Japan

Shimonoseki, Apr. 13. An epoch-making engineering project in the history of railway construction is nearing completion as the submarine tunnel to link Shimonoseki, at the western end of the main island, with Moji at the northern tip of Kyushu will be opened on April 20, following two years of hazardous operations through the seabed. Remarkable progress has been made during the past months in the two-year-old submarine construction and on April 12 there were only 80 metres yet to be pushed through.

The tunnel nearing completion, two metres in diameter, will form the basis on which the main two-storied submarine corridor will be constructed to accommodate trains and other means of transport. —Domei.

Spelling Bee

HOW many of these words are correct and what is wrong with the others? utilitarian usquibluh wreck English Oxford Dictionary spelling of these words will be found on page 9.

PREMIER MAKES HIS SPEECH

BACKGROUND TO PRESENT CRISIS: CORFU TENSION

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shocked by a fresh exhibition of the use of force.

Rightly or wrongly the stories of oppression of Italians in Albania were regarded with doubt and suspicion. A powerful nation had imposed its will on a small and relatively defenceless country by an imposing show of armed force.

The Premier detailed the representations in emphatic terms by Britain to the Italian Government and the repeated British attempts to obtain information on Italian intentions.

He announced a pledge of support against aggression to Greece and Rumania. France, he added, concurred in this.

The Agreement

"In the country there is one question we are bound to ask ourselves, and that is how far are the proceedings in Albania in conformity with the Anglo-Italian agreement."

Recalling the preamble to the agreement, Mr. Chamberlain said, "I am sure it will be felt in the action taken by the Italians in Albania, so far from contributing to the general cause of peace and security, must inevitably be a cause for further uneasiness and increase in international tension."

In regard to the status quo in the Mediterranean, as set out in the agreement, Mr. Chamberlain said, "It is with these considerations in mind that Lord Perth in Rome and Lord Halifax in London made it clear that the situation might well raise in an acute form the whole question of maintenance of the status quo."

"The Adriatic is certainly a part of the Mediterranean and the Italian Government cannot claim that we are not concerned."

Ciano's Assurance

The Premier recalled that on April 7 Count Ciano stated that the Italian Government fully intended to respect the independence and integrity of Albania and the status quo in the Mediterranean. On April 9 the Italians were informed that although Britain has taken note of these and other assurances, "we are gravely concerned at the reports of the sudden invasion of Albania and found it difficult to believe that if the situation between Italy and Albania was as described by Count Ciano, the differences were incapable of solution by negotiation. Moreover we found it more difficult to understand how it is possible to reconcile the Italian landing in Albania with the maintenance of the independence and integrity of Albania."

Frank Explanation

Lord Perth had told Count Ciano that Britain felt they were entitled to the frankest and fullest explanation regarding the Albanian situation and Italy's future intentions. Lord Perth added that the explanations had caused His Majesty's Government profound misgiving and "would not satisfy public opinion in this country." (Cheers.)

"When pressed by Lord Perth to state Italy's future intentions Count Ciano stated, 'These would depend upon the wishes of the Albanian people.'"

Mr. Chamberlain added, "It is clear from the latest news that the Albanian Provincial Administrative Council has now offered the crown to the King of Italy. We must await the announcement of the Italian Government to this offer." Whatever the outcome, His Majesty's Government find it difficult in the extreme to reconcile what happened in Albania with what was contemplated by the Anglo-Italian agreement.

It is to be seen that the many close touch with the representatives of Russia. We have a very difficult task to perform. We have to consider not only what we wish, but also what other people are willing to do. I ask the House to believe, that without any prejudice, and without any preconceived ideological notions, we are endeavouring to the utmost of our ability to marshal the forces which still favour peace.

Question Of Corfu

When the Italian Charge d'Affaires saw Lord Halifax on April 11, he told him among other things that Greece and Yugoslavia were perfectly calm. Later, in an interview Lord Halifax informed the Italian Charge d'Affaires that the British Government had no intention of occupying Corfu but would take a very strong view if anybody else occupied it. (Cheers.)

Later we learned from the British Minister at Athens that the information had reached the Greek Government that Italy was intending to occupy Corfu in the near future, and this information was subsequently confirmed by the Greek Minister in London.

Lord Halifax saw the Italian Charge d'Affaires and told him of these reports, and the latter said he had no hesitation in saying it was absolutely impossible that they were correct, and that on his responsibility gave an assurance that this was not the policy of his Government.

Lord Halifax, while welcoming the assurance, said it was absolutely vital there be no misunderstanding between the two Governments on this point.

Now Assurance

After describing how the Italian Charge d'Affaires had given him a personal assurance that Italy had no intention of occupying Corfu, the Premier went on to say: "Later the same day, the Italian Charge d'Affaires called with a message from Signor Mussolini, and gave a renewed assurance that Italy intended to respect the territorial and insular territory of Greece."

"This particular story (respecting Corfu) has now been decided, yet, as I said on a previous occasion, once confidence is shaken it is not easily re-established. His Majesty's Government feels that it has both a duty and a service to perform by leaving no doubt in the mind of anybody as to its position."

"I therefore take this opportunity of saying that His Majesty's Government attaches the greatest importance to the avoidance of disturbance by threats of force, or threats in the status quo of the Mediterranean and the Balkan Peninsula."

Meet War With War

"Consequently, the Government has come to the conclusion that in the event of any action which clearly threatened the independence of Greece and Rumania, and which the Greek and Rumanian governments respectively consider vital to resist by their national forces, His Majesty's Government would feel itself bound at once to lend the Greek and Rumanian Governments all the support in its power. (Cheers.)

"We are communicating this declaration to the governments directly concerned, and to others. I understand the French Government is making a similar declaration."

Dominions' Support

"The Dominion governments, as always, are being continually informed of all the developments. I only want to add one or two observations. 'So far as I am concerned, nothing that has happened has altered my conviction that the policy of His Majesty's Government in signing the Anglo-Italian agreement a year ago was right. (Cheers.) I don't say this in order to raise a controversy, but in order to avoid misunderstanding in my present attitude."

"I frankly confess deep disappointment in the action of the Italian Government. No doubt, some will say that we should now declare the Anglo-Italian agreement to be considered at an end, but I don't take that view."

"Nobody with a sense of responsibility can, in these days, lightly do anything which would lead to increased international tension. I believe, therefore, that there is a widespread desire to see the fulfilment of the provisions of the agreement, and naturally, in view of recent events, it is to the Italian Government that I look for practical evidence that they share that desire. (Cheers.)

Italians in Spain

"Reference has been made to the evacuation of Italian volunteers from Spain. During the course of the recent exchanges, we were informed that the Italians would be withdrawn after the Madrid victory parade. The Government always regarded the withdrawal of Italian volunteers from Spain as a vital element of the Anglo-Italian agreement."

"We have exercised patience for a long period in spite of the many disturbances in our efforts to remove suspicion, promote goodwill, and to keep the peace, and I am not willing to believe these efforts won't bear fruit."

"I hope Members will not assume that because I have not mentioned Russia that we are not keeping in close touch with the representatives of Russia. We have a very difficult task to perform. We have to consider not only what we wish, but also what other people are willing to do. I ask the House to believe, that without any prejudice, and without any preconceived ideological notions, we are endeavouring to the utmost of our ability to marshal the forces which still favour peace."

Stiffen Attitude

"I say to-day, that we must stiffen our resolution, not only to make ourselves strong to defend ourselves, but also to play our part in siding with those who, if faced by aggression or threatened with the loss of their freedom, decide to resist. —Reuter.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Considers Report Of Revision Committee

The 115th meeting of the Board of Education was held on Tuesday, April 4, at 4 p.m. in the Board Room of the Education Department. There were present:

Director of Education, Mr. C. G. Solis, M.A., Chairman; Senior Inspector of Schools, Mr. J. Ralston, M.A.; Inspector of Vernacular Schools, Mr. Y. P. Law, B.A.; Mr. A. C. Arculli, Miss E. B. Atkins, Rev. Fr. G. Byrne, S.J., M.B., Hon. Mr. L. D'Almada, C.M., M.A., Mr. L. Tsz-fong, Captain F. Sale, A.E.C., Rev. F. Short,

More London Explosions

London, Apr. 13. Explosions occurred in 11 public conveniences in London and the provinces yesterday. The cause of all the blasts was a new "chemical bomb" made from carbide.

Six explosions occurred in London at widely separated points. Four occurred in Coventry and one at Birmingham. —Nobody was injured and little damage was done. —Reuter.

Spain

Withdrawal From League Soon

Rome, Apr. 13. A press report from Spain says that the Spanish Nationalist Government will formally withdraw from the League of Nations shortly as a result of its participation in the anti-Comintern pact. —Domei.

Italian Troops

Rome, Apr. 12. An official communiqué issued today says that Mussolini and General Gambara held a conference in the Venice Palace to-day regarding the date of withdrawal of Italian forces from Spain. —United Press.

Del Vayo For U.S.

Paris, Apr. 13. The former Spanish Foreign Minister, Sen. del Vayo, embarked on Wednesday at Le Havre on the Ile de France for New York. He refused to make a statement to the press. —Trans-Ocean.

WATER STORAGE

Monthly Returns Show Considerable Drop

The water storage in the Colony's reservoirs at the end of March showed a substantial drop as compared with that of the corresponding period last year. According to the returns issued by the Water Authority yesterday the contents in the Island reservoirs at the end of last month were 735.12 million gallons as against 1,187.93 million gallons in March, 1938.

Consumption of filtered water in the City and Hill District during the month of March, including 142.75 million gallons from the mainland, was 345.25 million gallons by an estimated population of 550,000 at 20.2 gallons per head per day. This compared with a total of consumption of 409.52 million gallons, including 178.77 million gallons from the mainland, during the same period last year by 445,000 persons at 29.7 gallons per head per day. In addition, 13.84 million gallons were consumed in villages during the month, as against 15.42 in March, 1938.

Mainland Figures

In Kowloon, the storage at the end of last month was 1,148.03 million gallons, compared with 2,120.02 million gallons last year.

A total of 243.98 million gallons of filtered water in Kowloon and New Kowloon, excluding Lai Chi Kok Water Boat Dock, were consumed during last March by an estimated population of 500,000 at 15.7 gallons per head per day, as against 268.09 million gallons by 380,000 persons at 22.7 gallons per head per day in 1938.

Consumption of filtered water at Lai Chi Kok Water Boat Dock during the past month was 10.27 million gallons, compared with 9.07 million gallons last year, whilst 9.05 million gallons of unfiltered water in villages (independent supplies) were consumed as against 7.41 million gallons.

In both Hongkong and Kowloon, only eight hours supply was provided last month, whereas in March 1938 there was a constant supply.

According to the reports from the Government Engineer, Mr. J. H. Ansell, the quality of the water in Hongkong was very good, while that in Kowloon was excellent.

Rainfall

The rainfall in inches recorded during last month was: Botanical Gardens, 3.40; Tsim Tsai, 4.34; Tsim Tsai, 3.88; Wong Nei Chong, 3.70; Pokfulam, 2.72; Aberdeen, 2.93; Royal Observatory, 3.540; Shing Mun No. 1, 6.02; Shing Mun No. 2, 5.40; Shing Mun No. 3, 4.00; Kowloon No. 4, 4.37; Shek Li Pui No. 5, 4.23; Taiipo, 6.13; Fanling, 4.32, and Un Long, 5.09.

The total rainfall recorded by the Royal Observatory from the beginning of this year up to the end of March was 4,680 inches, compared with 10,785 inches during the corresponding period in 1938.

Mr. D. J. Sloss, C.B.E., M.A., Dr. S. W. T'ao, C.B.E., LL.B., and the Secretary, Mr. W. L. Hui, M.A., M.B., M.C., were present. The Board considered the report of the Grant Code Revision Committee.

Poland

CLEAN UP OF NAZI ELEMENTS

Warsaw, Apr. 13. It is officially announced that a score of people described as German Nazis have been arrested in different places in the former German districts in Western Poland. Nine were arrested for inciting hatred against Poland and insulting the Polish State or Army, while 12 men and women were arrested in the city of Poznan for either organising or belonging to an association of German girls, which is said to be organised on similar lines to the Hitler maidens of Germany. —United Press.

Danzig Protest

Danzig, Apr. 13. The Danzig Government lodged a protest with the diplomatic representative of Poland in Danzig against the practice common in the last few days of throwing handbills making attacks on the sovereignty of the Free City of Danzig out of Polish trains passing through Danzig territory.

The text of the handbills declares that God would help the Polish people so that Danzig would at last become Polish and be united with the Polish people. —Trans-Ocean.

Britain

CATHOLICS DEMAND A PARLEY

London, Apr. 13. An appeal for immediate convocation of an international peace conference is published to-day in the chief organ of the Roman Catholic Church in Great Britain.

The article, which purports to express the opinion of all British Roman Catholics, emphasises that in view of the present international tension it is necessary that concessions be made by all parties in order to reach European appeasement. — Trans-Ocean.

Abbey Announcement

London, Apr. 13. Simultaneously with the re-assembling of Parliament, Westminster Abbey will be open for an act of continuous intercession, which during the September crisis lasted 17 days and nights.

In announcing this decision, the Dean says that all who will be invited to come and pray that the spirit of God may so assuage the passions and prejudices of men that nations may be led out of the night of fear and hatred into a new day of freedom, love and truth. — British Wireless.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued at 4.00 p.m. yesterday, says:

Very quiet conditions prevailed all day, resulting in a small turnover, rates generally remaining fairly steady.

Buyers

Hongkong Bank \$1,240
Canton Insurance \$225
Douglases \$24
China Light (New) \$3
Canton Ice \$6.55
Entertainment \$1.40
Maremma 4/7 1/2

Sellers

H.K. & K. Wharves \$103
Dairy Farms Ex. Rights \$21 1/2
Dairy Farms Rights \$15 1/2

Sales

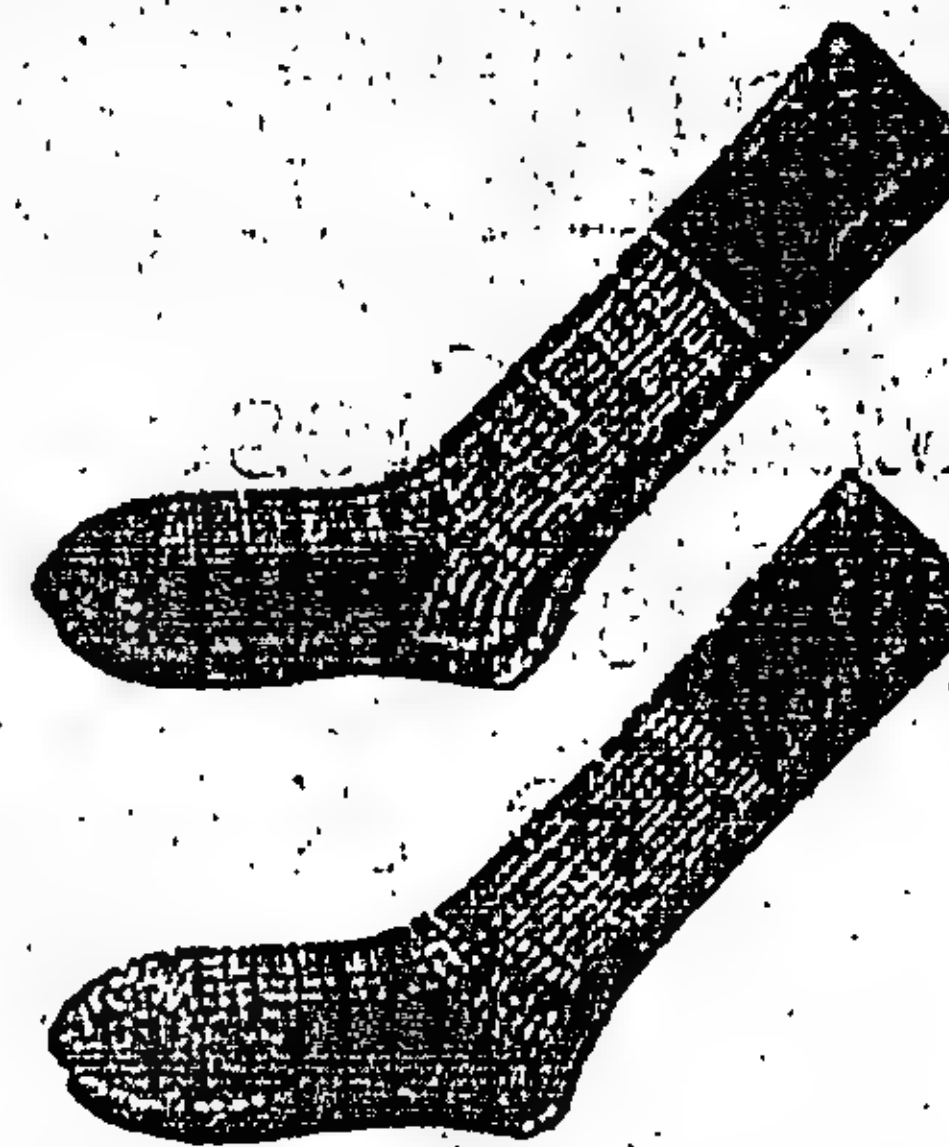
Hongkong Bank \$1,333
Union Insurance \$403
H.K. Ex. Rights \$21 1/2
H.K. Trans. Rights \$16 10/16
China Light (Old) \$4
China Light (New) \$3.10
H.K. Electric \$5
Maremma 4/10 3/4
Antelope \$4 3/4
Buckley Gold 25
Benquet Consolidated 11.50
Coco Grove 34 1/2
Demonstrations 13 1/2
I. C. 26
Higgins 34 1/2
North Cammarine 50
San Maurizio 1.25
Suyco 16 1/2
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Many Close Finishes At Easter Meeting Of The Jockey Club

The Hongkong Jockey Club must thank the Weather Clerk for providing punters with glorious sunshine with the result that a big crowd turned up on both days of racing at the Easter meeting held on Saturday and Monday, which was without any doubt a great success from all points of view.

Short Head	1	race
A neck	1	"
Half a length	6	"
Three quarters length	1	"
A length	3	"
1½ lengths	3	"
Two lengths	3	"
Three lengths	2	"

Good sport was certainly enjoyed by all the race-goers and those students of form who followed the Australian pony, Discovery Bay, ridden by Mr. S. L. Yuen in the Canbramata Handicap run on Monday, were remunerated with a "pay out" of \$434.30 for a win, the biggest dividend of the Easter session. Hardly had the racing folks got over the sensation than Fel Ying, piloted by Mr. B. Proulx, romped home first in the penultimate event, the Boa Vista Handicap (second section), and delighted his 182 supporters with a return of \$156.60 for a win.

The closed the Easter meeting with an arm-chair race on Mileway, belonging to John Peel, which scored his first win after a sequence of five outings.

O. Sadick	-	-	1
W. Poy	-	-	1
Total	20	21	20	

ROSE ELECT STILL IN GOOD FORM

Rose Elect continued in winning vein to register her fifth success in the main event, the Easter Stakes over a mile, for Mr. Eu Tong-see, but as there was no opposition the race was a tame affair. Bear Claw, ridden by Mr. Black, chased the

Lan Stable Score Most Winners

Stable	1st 2nd 3rd	Total	Stakes
Len	3		\$1,800
Phy. Tong-sen	1	2	1,250
Phy. Hing	1	1	800
Quartermaster	1	1	800
S. W. Lee	1	1	800
L. L. Lee	1	1	800
John Fee	1	1	800
Anharby	1	1	750
Mrs. J. J. Fager	1	1	600
L. W. F.	1	1	600
Trimon	1	1	600
B. D.	1	1	600
Dr. S. N. Chau	1	1	600
Macgregor	1	1	600
Marble	1	1	600
L. Shiu-hang	1	1	600
H. St. John	1	1	600
Helene	2	1	600
Helene	1	1	600
Braes	1	1	600
W. S. Williams	1	1	600
Lucky	1	1	600
Mr. Dunbar	1	1	600
C. Finson	1	1	600
Coca	1	1	600
Billy	1	1	600
Melody	1	1	600
W. S. Williams & Son	1	1	600
J. Edgar	1	1	600
V. M. Grayburn	1	1	600
W. A. E. Grasett	1	1	600
C. N. K.	1	1	600
G. M. Sewell	1	1	600
G. M. Smith	1	1	600
Dynasty	1	1	600
Chung Hio-yee	1	1	600
C. H.	1	1	600
Report	1	1	600
Total			\$23,200

	1st	2nd	3rd
H. C. Pih	4	1	1
A. W. Raymond	3	1	3
C. Encarnacao	3	3	1
B. Proulx	2	3	1
P. T. Wei	2	1	0
D. Black	1	1	1
V. V. Needa	1	2	1
B. L. Tao	1	2	1
H. P. Tao	1	1	1
H. P. Chanson	1	1	1

ROSE ELECT STILL IN GOOD FORM

Two Dead Heats Mark Meeting's High-Spots

The grass track was in excellent condition, the going being firm. Although no new records were established, there were several fast runs, especially in the Hongkong Bay Handicap for "B" class China ponies when the first and second sections were won by Moonlight and Gainsborough respectively at the same time 1.57 for the mile. Carrying 10 lbs. under the scale weight, Hectic over annexed the Mira Bay Stakes over six furlongs in 1.26 and a note should be kept of the stallion's performance for future scramble events. Jennifer's win in the Kellie Handicap (first section) for "C" class China raters was a meritorious one because the mare had the limit band of 168 lbs. on her back and the mile was covered just a fifth of a second inside two minutes.

The manner in which Marksmen under the direction of Mr. Needa captured the main handicap event of the racing season by subscription (the first of any season) was very impressive. It was a brilliant achievement in view of the fact that the pony had a little over three months' training against Rose Evelyn who has been racing here since 1930. It is true that the latter conceded 3 lbs. at the start but she was a class above, at least by Marksmen's own liking. This was the second occasion that Rose Evelyn went under to a subscription griffin of the current season, last year Louis XIV beating the mare by five lengths.

However, Mr. Encarnacion on Rose Evelyn's last runaway tactics which went until the bend but after that she was too good for him. That Rose Evelyn was doomed to have full use of the whip could not have off the strong challenge of Marksmen. The latter drew level with her, they neared the distance and reached the touch line as fresh as a daisy. Marksmen is a first-class driver and there is no reason to expect that the pony will be another Racing Boy.

Here And There —With "Abe"—

Present Lawn Bowls Arrangement Best

As I have advocated all along, the Council of the Hongkong Lawn Bowls Association decided, at its meeting held on Wednesday, to have nine teams in each of the three divisions of the League during the 1939 season. This arrangement, as has already been pointed out, is the best we can make in view of the fact that three new teams have joined the League and will participate in the Third Division. The only member on the Council who did not agree at once with the proposition was Mr. Russell, who was of the opinion that it was not necessary to have an equal number of teams in each division except from the point of view of time which, he said, was not a factor which over-ruled every other consideration. But it was pointed out by Mr. C. B. Hosking, the retiring Hon. Secretary, that this time factor was an overwhelming factor when it came to arranging fixtures every season. Working on the basis of nine teams in each division, the 1939 League programme concludes on August 26—assuming that not a single programme is interfered with by rain. Past experience has shown, however, that this is too much to expect, and last year's pro-

Hongham Bay Handicap Saw Splendid Race

We have now a good string of "B" class China ponies and it was a pity that there was no provided for this division on Easter Monday. The first section of Hongham Bay Handicap over the mile course was one of the finest events of the Easter meeting and Moonlight View (Mr. Ph) just managed to snatch the victory, beating Rob Roy (Mr. Encarnacion) by a short head. The second section was a very much an unusual leads at the start and wins a race has been very rare, in fact one out of a hundred at Hoppy Valley, and the one adopted by Mr. T. Y. Woo on Conquering Time was shipped in the bud. Out of total of 4,468 tickets sold on the nine starters for a win in this event, Conquering Time had been backed for the tune of 1,441 and the backers met the punters down very badly. At the release of the tape Conquering Time jumped out to the front and she was chased by Humdrum Eve, Eve of Heaven and Liliber with the rest of the field following in the train. There was hardly any positional change in the back and made up in the back stretch, but after passing the famous old land mark "Black Rock," Conquering Time and Humdrum Eve were still in the lead with Moonlight View and Rob Roy following handy in the back row. Round the bend the two leaders were passing round the bend the distance was reached Humdrum Eve's head.

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Open Singles
Tsui Wai-pui (holder) beat
H. D. Rumjahn 3-6, 6-3, 6-1.
Ho Ka-lau beat S. W. Liang
6-2, 6-3.

Macao, Apr. 14.
The following players have been selected to represent Macao in the Interport soccer match to be played on Sunday, April 16, at Macao:

D. Carvalho; F. Lobato, Chian
Shan-ching; A. Nito Sousa, A. Alros.
A. Collaco (Capt.); M. Rego, 7
Badarraco, F. Guerreiro, M. Joanilh
and J. Lopes.

Reserves.—A. Cordova, F. Assi
Ho Cho-seng, Lau Tu-cheng and 1
Badarraco.

The local players have been drawn from the Tenebroso, Argonauta, Police, Artillery, Infantry and the Chinese soccer teams.

The forthcoming Interport will be the third meeting of the two ports. Macao won the two previous matches but the Hongkong teams hitherto have consisted of junior players. No senior players are being fielded by Hongkong.—Our Own Correspondent

MOSLEM PUPILS BEAT SIKH TEAM AT HOCKEY

Playing on the Radio Ground yesterday, a Moslem Students' hockey team defeated a Sikh Students' hockey team by a score of 10-0 after 45 minutes of play in the first half. Yusuf played a magnificent game for the winners and was easily the best half on view. Nazir Ahmed was a hard-working full-back and cleared his line very confidently. M. Afzal, leading the winners' attack, was the outstanding forward on view and his short passes to M. A. Wahab had the opponents puzzled. Had they received any support from the other four colleagues, the score would have certainly been greater. Mookhtar Singh and Karminder Singh were outstanding for the losers.

Special Homeside Soccer Forecast

The following is a special forecast of the teams expected to win in the Home Football programme to-morrow:

Home Winners*

Everton
 Blackburn
 Chesterfield
 Manchester C.
 Wednesday
 Crystal Pal.
 Notts C.
 Doncaster

Optional Selections

Arsenal
 Huddersfield
 Swindon
 Rochdale

Cricketers May Object

IF the season finishes at the end of September, what will be the result if, for the sake of argument, the Association decides on eight teams in the First Division, eight in the Second and 11 in the Third? This means that the Third Division programme will be carried far into the winter, probably into the middle of November. This may be all right for some clubs, like the Kow-

For one set H. D. Rumjahn dominated the exchanges on the stand court yesterday when he met Teui Wai-pui, the title-holder, in the quarter-finals of the Colony tennis singles championship, and played well enough to walk off with the opening stanza; but the effort was not sustained in the next two sets, and all expectations of an upset fizzled out as the champion slowly but inexorably wore down his opponent.

Probably sensing that his only hope of winning was to do so in straight sets, before the champion could find his touch, RumiJahn jumped into his very best form in the opening set, which he deservedly won. But himself was not playing nearly so well as the bruised pugilist. RumiJahn was slightly better

Driving well and accurately on both hands, Rumjahn forced the champion into a number of mistakes and he was able to break back and searched the side-lines. His driving to Taul's backhand was one of the best features of his play, and this shot alone would have won him many points and match-opportunities. But the champion was an entirely different proposition altogether, and Rumjahn found some of his deep angled drives to the corners returned with great accuracy. Most before he could position himself.

Yet Rumjahn's game all round was sound enough in the first set for him to take it after nine games. Drives deep to the baseline were followed up by brief volleys, and by dinking the

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

As Lim Thiam-let is indisposed, his quarter-final match with S. A. Rumjahn has been postponed until Tuesday. It was originally scheduled to be played to-day.

To-day's programme, therefore, will be:

OPPORTUNITY MISSED

Rumjahn missed a great opportunity in the ninth game of further reducing Tsul's lead. At 5-3 in the champion's favour, Rumjahn was

Budge Scores Easy Win Over Perry

Californian Tennis Star Trims English Player

New York, Mar. 10.
Don Budge, fresh from his conquests of Ellsworth Vines, opened his second professional tennis tour to-night by slaughtering Frederick John Perry, 6-1, 6-3, 6-0, in just forty-nine minutes before a thunderstruck crowd of 7,000 at Madison Square Garden.

TOM FARR AVENGES DEFEAT

Mediocre Fight At Harringay.

London, Apr. 13.
Winning, nearly every round, Tommy Farr, the Welsh boxer and former holder of the British and Empire heavyweight titles, tonight Harringay out-painted "Red" Burman, of the United States, over four rounds in a mediocre fight which lasted mainly of Farr repeatedly forcing the left of Burman's face. Farr was generally superior, but he pleased, and landed from a dozen to 20 lifts in most rounds, usually with little reply, but was very slow.

Tommy Burman showed he could be dangerous by way of occasionally staggering Farr with hard rights, especially in the second and fifth rounds.

Two thousand people watched the fight.

When last they met in America, Burman out-painted Farr. *—Ruter.*

Dispenser Wins Produce Stakes

London, Apr. 13.
The following was the result of the
Column Produce Stakes run to-day:

3/1 Dispenser	1
9/2 Llandaff	2
2/1 Whentland	3

Nine ran. Won by three quarters
of a length; the same.—*Reuter.*

NANCY

By Ernie Bushmiller



Hui Becomes Triple Badminton Champion

For Second Time Shows Brilliant Form In Singles Tussle With Charlie Au

(By "The Bird")

P. K. Hui of the University became triple badminton champion of Hongkong for the second successive year last night, when he won both the men's singles and doubles finals to add to the mixed doubles laurels secured the previous evening. These successes are undeniable confirmation of his status as the Colony's leading exponent of the game.

For about two minutes of the first game against Au in the single tie, Hui was worried. He could not draw away from the tenacious Au, and it was pretty clear that whoever did get a lead after the scores had been called at eight-ten would more than likely win the game.

I think Hui recognised this, for the exchanges had been so tight that services passed a number of times without addition to the scores; and he made his biggest effort at this stage. Au retired and the champion went out at 15-8.

Hui was not slow in following up this advantage, and in the second game he obtained a decided mastery over his opponent, forcing Au into errors, and rarely failing to whip out a winning shot when opportunity occurred.

Hui's genius was fully revealed in this match, for Au by no means played badly. But the challenger did not seem able to sustain his efforts, and in both games fell away once the halfway stage was reached.

FAST AND SPECTACULAR
Both men manoeuvred cunningly, shortening and lengthening shots with bewildering rapidity, and the match was as fast and spectacular as any seen in the local championships. Hui's greatest advantage was a wonderful clean shot which never failed him. Even when he was hastily retreating to his own baseline, Hui was able to use his clearance to the best possible advantage, aiming and finding the backhand baseline corner with unfailing accuracy.

It was his splendid length which prevented Au from making the usual quota of "kills", whereas Au often lobbed but half-court, for Hui to smash with unreturnable fury. Hui was also the more accurate in the short game, angling so well and with such delay-action that Au was more than once caught moving in the wrong direction. But the loser also had his brilliant moments at the net, and certainly was not blessed with any luck.

CHAMPIONS RETAIN TITLE

The doubles encounter was as sparkling as the rarest champagne. Hui, after a rest and a shower, appeared to be just as fresh as the other three players, and he certainly played a notable part in the result.

He and K. L. Yong, the holders, finally beat P. S. Bun and M. S. Lim, another Varsity pair 15-10, 18-13, but they had lots of anxious moments before it was accomplished, and many thought that the losers were going to force the issue to the third game.

Bun was the man of the match, employing some magnificent shots, in particular a cross-court drive-smash

which scored time and again with the opposition caught in two minds; his anticipation and interception were also clever and effective, often being the means of terminating a long rally with an unanswerable "kill". He and Lim worked well together and it seemed that only want of match experience denied them at least one game. Lim scored heavily with smashes down the middle of the court, but his service was too stereotyped, and Hui quickly worked out how to kill it.

HUI TIRES
Hui himself made several mistakes which normally would not come from his racket, and which obviously were the outcome of his tiring singles match, but it was Young who made the most errors, and by some curious trick of chance, they occurred from his shot game, which is usually the strongest feature of Yong's play. He constantly netted drop shots and blundered in half a dozen interceptions. But he made amends from the rear of the court, from where he cleared drive and accuracy.

The losers made a valiant effort in the second set when they crept up to 13-all, but after the game had been "settled," service was lost immediately, and the champions won the next five points and the match on their two "hands."

The exchanges were tremendously fast and at times all four players were smashing and picking up, providing one of the most spectacular displays ever to grace the championships.

Splendid Race In Hongham H'cap
(Continued from Page 8.)
jockey threw in the towel. At this juncture the stable companion Moonlight View, took up the gauntlet and he was pursued by Rob Roy. Mr. Encarnacion brought Rob Roy on the outside berth with a great run and the combination certainly shot forward in a most remarkable way. It was a grand sight, for all the three jockeys were hard at work on their chargers, but in the last hundred yards from home, Conquering Time was a beaten pony and it was left to Moonlight View and Rob Roy to fight the issue out. Down the straight they came, neck to neck and then head to head, racing together and there was terrific excitement when they crossed the wire almost together. After a few minutes of deliberation the verdict of a short head was awarded to Moonlight View, and it was certainly a close shave. A length and a half separated Conquering Time. The mile was run in 1:57.4 and incidentally the second section was won by Galaxy in same time.



In Walter Wanger's new production, "Trade Winds," it is Fredric March's exciting but hectic job to chase Joan Bennett around the world. Ann Sothern and Ralph Bellamy go along for a couple of reasons and the quartette fall heir to a series of exciting situations. The picture is now showing at the King's Theatre.

Starting Times Announced Golf At Fanling For Week-End

The following are the starting times at Fanling during the week-end:

SATURDAY	
Old Course	
9.04	F. H. Stokes, F. L. Allen.
9.16	G. B. S. Thomson, J. Forbes.
9.28	W. J. Kelly, M. D. Cooper.
9.40	E. Davidson, C. C. Black.
9.52	J. Owen Hughes, A. K. Mackenzie.
10.04	F. E. Booker, Col. Matthews.
10.16	A. McKellar, J. Linaker.
SUNDAY	
Old Course	
9.04	A. E. Gerondal, A. Webster.
9.16	P. Tamworth, F. D. Hunter.
9.28	I. H. Geare, K. S. Morrison.
9.40	J. P. Morphet, D. G. G. Allen.
9.52	C. Young, W. S. Hillier.
10.04	Col. Murray, C. H. Burdon.
10.16	G. Haynes, J. W. Mayhew.
10.28	H. C. Macgregor, M. G. Carruthers.
10.40	A. Sommerfeldt, A. D. Humphreys.
10.52	A. M. & Q. A. A. Macdonald.
11.04	G. T. Harrington, G. Huddell-Carre.
11.16	A. M. Mack, F. A. M. Elliott.
11.28	H. C. Macgregor, W. Carr. Steele Perkins.
11.40	S. H. Dodwell, E. J. Barber.
11.52	F. Groves, J. B. Armstrong.
12.04	G. B. Park, A. K. Macenzie.
12.16	T. E. Pearce, C. C. Black.
12.28	D. J. Valentine, Mrs. Steele Perkins.
12.40	J. M. Pearson, T. E. R. Bishop.
12.52	T. A. Pearce, E. T. McMillan.
13.04	Young, W. S. Hillier.
13.16	Brigadier McCleod, Col. Galloway.
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9.04	D. D. Forbes, W. J. McConnell.
9.16	A. B. Raworth, H. Armstrong.
9.28	D. J. Lacey, D. Robinson.
9.40	G. T. Harrington, G. Huddell-Carre.
9.52	F. E. Annis, M. D. Cooper.
10.04	H. A. & Mrs. Gluckauf.
10.16	Mrs. Valentine, Mrs. Bishop.

W. C. CHOY BEATEN IN FINAL TIE

London, March 19.
Well as the Chinese Davis Cup international, W. C. Choy, played in the men's singles final at the Queen's Club Covered Courts Tournament at West Kensington yesterday, he was unable to make, on the last wood surface of the East Court, much of an impression on the greatly improved L. Shaff, who won by 6-2, 6-4.
The winner served with much power, and whenever he volleyed, no matter whether it was a high or a low one, the ball was struck with a firm hand and supple wrist, and the aim was sure.
Off the floor Choy was sound and there was always purpose behind his drive. There was, however, hardly over the required force to keep such a virile opponent as the enterprising Shaff on the defensive.
On yesterday's form no Englishman would have much chance indoors of defeating Shaff, who now has controlled speed of stroke and the will to win, and it is obvious that higher honours are in store for him.

Fred Perry Asks Special Favour

New York.
Walter Pate, captain of the U. S. Davis Cup Team, dropped in at the National Indoor Tennis Championships recently, and, as usual, was asked what he thought of America's chances of defending the trophy.
"Not bad, not bad at all," said Pate, and went on to elaborate on that theme for several minutes. "Finally Fred Perry interrupted.
"Do me a favour, will you, Walter?" said the Briton. "Wear a starched collar to the Challenge Round matches in September."
"Sure, Fred, but why?" asked the puzzled Pate.
"I'd just like to see it wilt," replied Perry.

"BISLEY" MEETING CONTINUES

Keen Shooting At Kowloon City

Some interesting events are due to be shot off to-day, the second day of the "Bisley" Meeting of the Hongkong Rifle Association, now being held on the Army Rifle Range at Kowloon City.
Between 9 a.m. and 9.30 a.m. the Practice and Pool event was shot off on the Nos. 1 and 2 Ranges, and between 9.30 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. the Services Team revolver shoot was due to be fired.
From 9.30 to 11 a.m. was the "Deliberate" event; from 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 the Failing Plate Final, and at the same hour the Unlimited event was to be fired.
In the afternoon, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., will be the Platoon Match and the Company Match, and on the Revolver Range the Revolver Pool will be fired.

Race Entries For Third Extra Meet

The following are entries for the Third Extra Race Meeting to be held at Happy Valley on Saturday, April 22:
1. St. Kilda Handicap—For Australian Subscription ponies, "C" Class. Ponies of this season, barred. Six furlongs. A Great Time, Annabella, Bredon, Cape York, L. E. L. Discovery, Hay Macquarie River, Murray River, Perfect Day, Hoofy, Stratherrick, Twilight Star, Violet Queen and Zedler.
2. or a Canton Handicap—First or Second Section. For China ponies, "B" Class. Grifins of this season, barred. From the two mile post once round and in (about one mile 171 yards). Bolat Day, Commencement Day, Expansion Time, Gladiator, Humdrum Eve, Jober, Just in Time, Lancashire Lass, Moonlight View, New Star, Oak Day, Potentate, Red Feather, Rob Roy, Royal Scot, Soldier of Britain and Tampa Bay.
3. St. George's Plate—A Handicap for Grifins of this season. Ponies classified "A" Class, barred.
4. or a Fataha Handicap—First or Second Section. For China ponies, "C" Class. Six furlongs.
Alligator, Amberley, Blaire, Blue Diamond, Bright View, Calio Star, For gotten Star, Galveston Day, Hecla View, King Kong, Lady Love, Laughing Buddha, Laughing Girl, Lovely Star, Lusketon, Pinarings, Rose Emily, Rose Evelyn, Rose Jane, Rose Queen, Seaside View, Soldier of Britain, The Tiger and Tyne.
5. Broken Hills Handicap—For Australian Subscription ponies of this Season. Winners of \$500 or less in stakes, barred. From the two mile post once round and in (about one mile 171 yards). Bolat Day, Commencement Day, Expansion Time, Gladiator, Humdrum Eve, Jober, Just in Time, Lancashire Lass, Moonlight View, New Star, Oak Day, Potentate, Red Feather, Rob Roy, Royal Scot, Soldier of Britain and Tampa Bay.
6. Hobart Stakes—For Australian Subscription ponies of this season. Winners of more than \$500 in stakes, barred.
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Indians Play Police R. C. At Lawn Bowls

The following players will represent the Indian R.C. in a friendly bowls match against the Police R.C. on the latter's green to-morrow at 4 p.m.:
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K. TONG TEAM
The following will represent Kowloon Tong Garden City Association against Kowloon Football Club in a friendly bowls match to-morrow on the former's green:
C. Mose, J. Tang, J. L. Stephens and A. Spury; A. E. Castro, H. Y. Hui, Y. Aggaby and A. H. Bost; T. M. Gregory, J. N. Wong, V. Allenza and H. Giffin.

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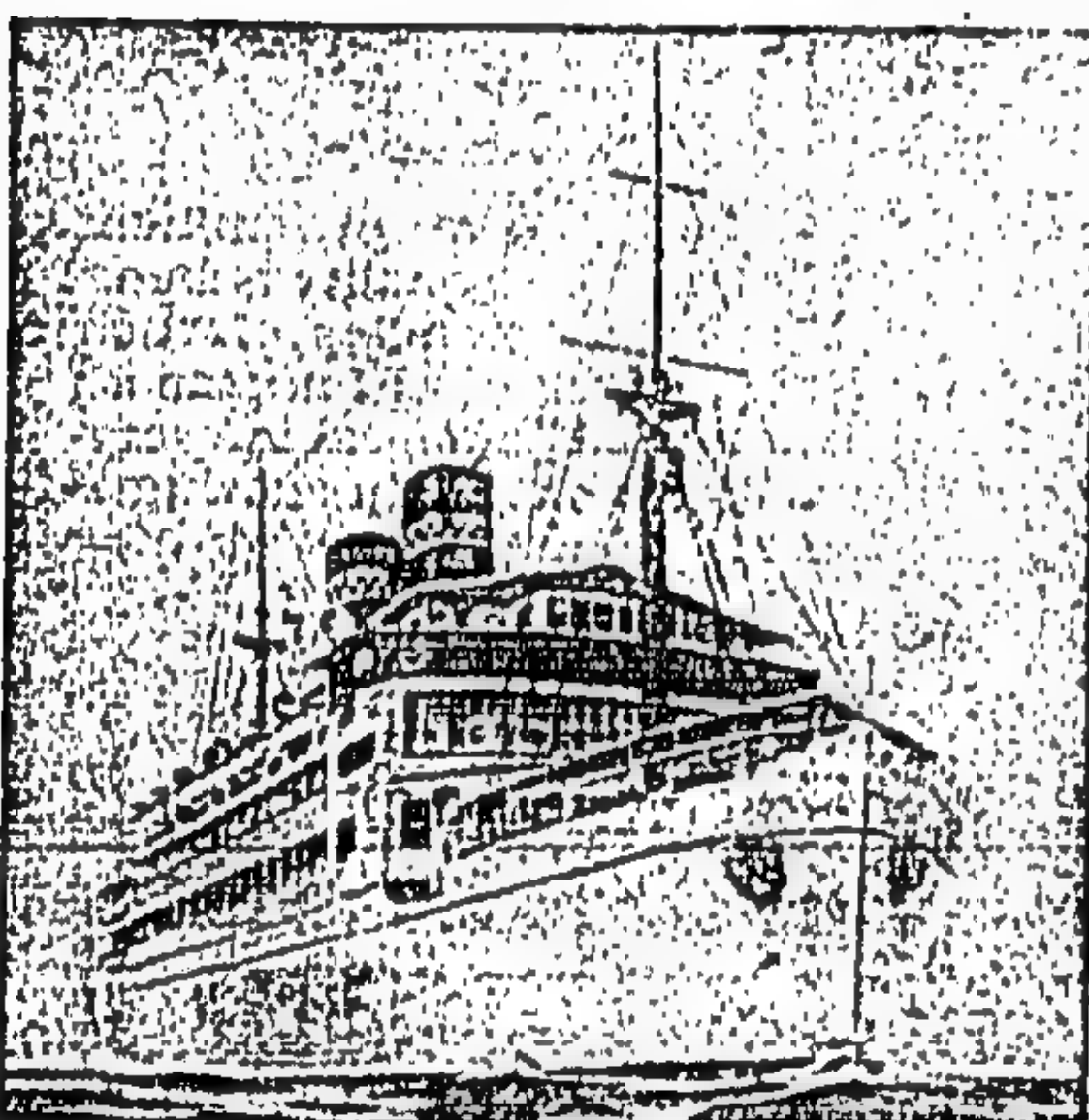
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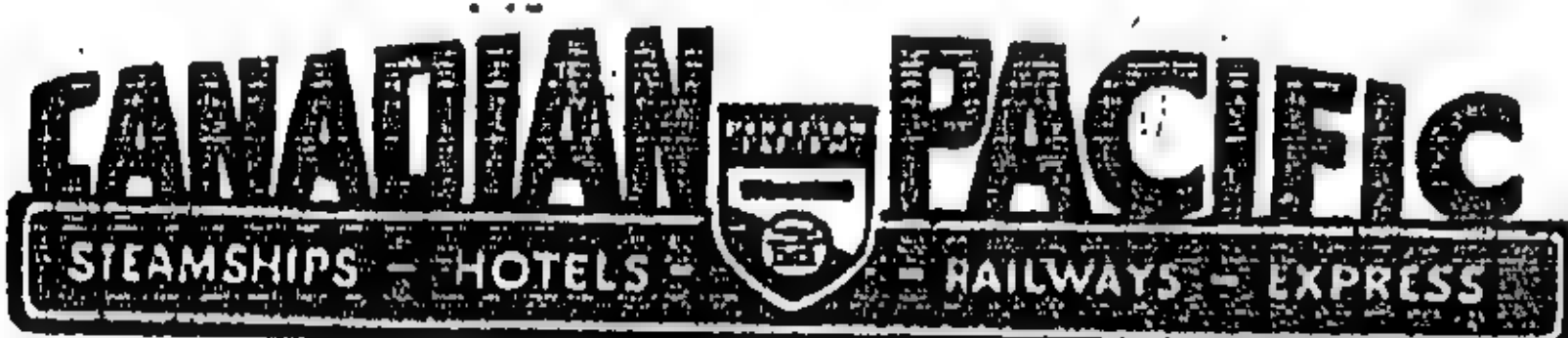
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THIS requires one large cupful of drained tinned fruit.

Mix together 2½ tablespoonfuls cornflour, 3 tablespoonfuls sugar, pinch of salt, 2 egg yolks (optional). Stir in 2 cupfuls boiling milk. Return to pan and stir until mixture thickens. Cook gently for a further 15 minutes and remove from flame.

Beat until stiff, but not dry, 2 egg whites. Add to mixture with ½ teaspoonful vanilla. Beat well. Add ½ cupful fruit and turn into a mould, or custard glasses. Leave to chill. Garnish with the rest of the fruit and serve.

Germany Gets More Beer

BERLIN.

By incorporating the Sudetenland, Germany has acquired 103 more breweries. So German beer production now amounts to the world record of 1,099,850,000 gallons a year, which is said to be 40 per cent of the entire beer needs of Europe.



This Princess type nightgown employs a narcissus print in blue, white and green on a flame background. The flounce bottom, scalloped collar and panel front is piped in blue, the fabric a crepe-knit rayon.

Saving The Light

WHERE PEOPLE FORGET, MODERN SWITCHES REMEMBER

"HULLO, somebody's left the light on again"

In our house that is not just a casual family remark; it is a distinct and serious reproach. Current left burning needlessly on the top land, means extra money on the month's consumption, and as for a bed-light that burns while the late reader sleeps, that is the sort of thing that makes father talk of bankruptcy and our visitors blush.

Electricity is, indeed, our latest social problem. How can we be economical with it without seeming ridiculously mean? And how can we burn the minimum of light without harming our eyes and wearing out our nerves?

IN THE LIVINGROOM

We know quite well that we must have a clear light in the living-room, with direct rays shining down on the fireplace circle so that mother can see to sew and father to read, and that the children can play with their drawing-book without eye-strain and confusing shadow.

We know we must have good strong light in the kitchen, in the bathroom, and over all the dressing-tables. There is nothing quite so tiresome as cooking in a poor light unless it is trying to make up your face in gloom.

Our real problem lies in hall and staircase, and deep cupboards. We could, of course, put low power lamps there, but again there is nothing so trying as badly-lit passages, cupboards, and staircases. So we burn 60 watt lamps, and hope that people will remember to switch them off when not required which they seldom ever do.

It is depressing. So depressing that we have had an expert in to see what he can do to help, and he has made a number of bright suggestions.

In the hall and staircase we are going to have time-switches. There are small black switches that you press in instead of clicking up or down. At the foot of the staircase you push in the button and the light burns steadily for three minutes, with the switch coming out again gradually. In the three minutes you have ample time to get upstairs and probably down again before the light goes off of its own accord. If you want longer light you push it in again, and it can be worked from the bottom of the staircase, the half-landing, or the top.

FOR CUPBOARDS AND CELLARS

For the problem of the cupboards, where people constantly shut the doors and leaves the light burning inside, automatic switches operated by the opening and shutting of the doors will be fitted. Open the door and the light goes on, burning steadily until you close it again—then complete and economical darkness.

We are having these switches fitted in the larder, the coal cellar, and the linen cupboard. So far we have found nothing that will cure or at least absolve the reader-in-bed who falls asleep with the light on. We have the idea all right, a kind of super time-switch that light that goes off every quarter of an hour and must be put on again by hand. As we nod over a book the light goes out and stays out. If we have nodded sufficiently.

A. B. M.

COOKING HINTS

ROAST pork is more interesting if it is served with slices of oranges instead of apple sauce. The oranges should be cut into thin slices, soaked for half an hour in lemon juice, a little sugar, salt and pepper, and then placed round the joint.

If a roast, or a fowl, is treated in the American fashion, it requires no basting. Smear the meat with a little dripping and then cover with thin paste made from flour and water. No extra time is required for the cooking.

When ready, the envelope of paste is removed with a knife and the meat underneath is deliciously tender and juicy. When treated in this way, there is practically no shrinkage in the meat and all the goodness is conserved.

Cold roast beef can be warmed so that it tastes as if freshly cooked. The secret is to immerse it in cold water for two or three minutes before placing in the oven.

An ordinary blancmange is sometimes insipid, but not if a teaspoonful of cinnamon is added. This gives a delicious flavour.

Before pouring the dressings over a salad, try the piquant French trick of sprinkling with white sugar, and then with lemon juice.

A strip of lemon peel boiled with old brandy helps to keep them a good colour. Before frying cut tomatoes, dip the slices in a little vinegar. This helps to retain their shape, and the flavour is greatly improved.

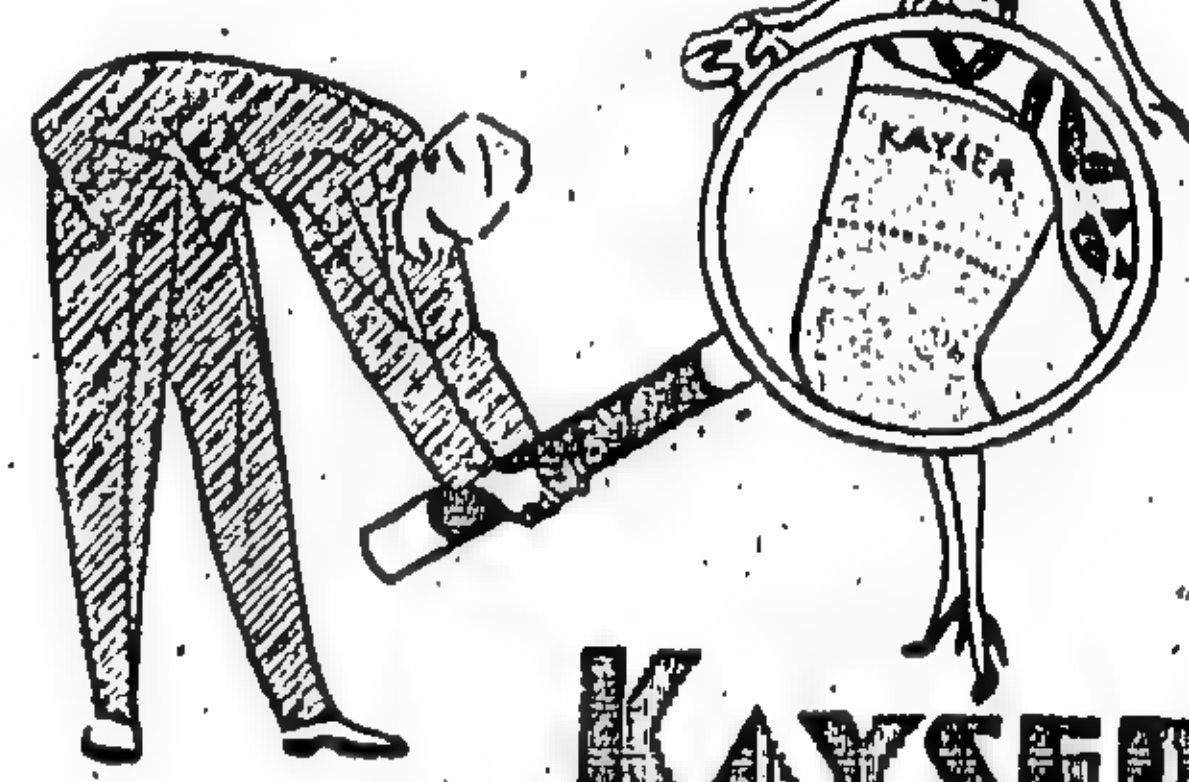
A. W.



The Victorian yoke is used in this frock in teen size. A flower vine print on blue cotton makes the frock with full skirt, and the ruffled yoke is in tucked white sheer with lace edgings.



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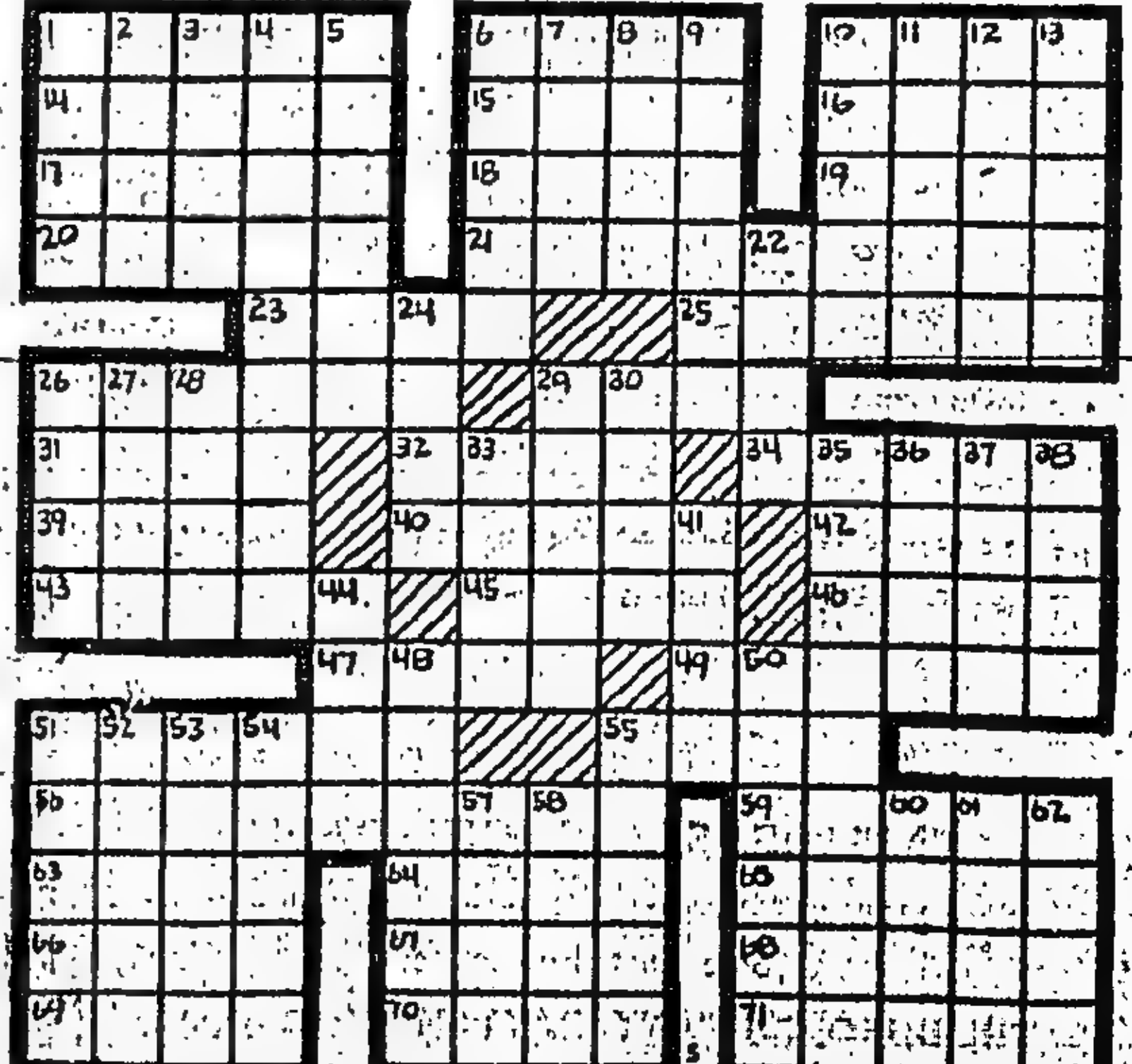
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Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ANSWERS TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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| <p>ACROSS</p> <p>1—Small cat</p> <p>2—Cool by dry heat</p> <p>3—Crust on surface of bread</p> <p>4—Kind of beer</p> <p>5—Alexander</p> <p>6—Jury</p> <p>7—Lately (archaic)</p> <p>8—Archipelago in Pacific Islands</p> <p>9—Asteroid discovered in 1891</p> <p>10—Flail constituent of wood</p> <p>11—Things used to work</p> <p>12—Move on wheels</p> <p>13—Pervasive dave at</p> <p>14—One devoted to particular pursuit</p> <p>15—Morally bad</p> <p>16—Hostile invasion</p> <p>17—Walls set in ditch</p> <p>18—Olive in return for money</p> <p>19—Mischievous sprites</p> <p>20—Quander joys</p> <p>21—Low cards in poker</p> <p>22—Speedie amount of labor imposed</p> <p>23—In estate, winding of all debts in debt</p> <p>24—Device for pressing</p> <p>25—Product of oxidation of indigo</p> <p>26—Animal in time</p> <p>27—In a little while</p> <p>28—Pertaining to first principles</p> <p>29—Ring-shaped coral</p> <p>30—One devoted to particular pursuit</p> <p>31—Morally bad</p> <p>32—Hostile invasion</p> <p>33—Walls set in ditch</p> <p>34—Olive in return for money</p> <p>35—Mischievous sprites</p> <p>36—Quander joys</p> <p>37—Low cards in poker</p> <p>38—Speedie amount of labor imposed</p> <p>39—In estate, winding of all debts in debt</p> <p>40—Device for pressing</p> <p>41—Product of oxidation of indigo</p> <p>42—Animal in time</p> <p>43—In a little while</p> <p>44—Pertaining to first principles</p> <p>45—Ring-shaped coral</p> <p>46—One devoted to particular pursuit</p> <p>47—Morally bad</p> <p>48—Hostile invasion</p> <p>49—Walls set in ditch</p> <p>50—Olive in return for money</p> <p>51—Mischievous sprites</p> <p>52—Quander joys</p> <p>53—Low cards in poker</p> <p>54—Speedie amount of labor imposed</p> <p>55—In estate, winding of all debts in debt</p> <p>56—Device for pressing</p> <p>57—Product of oxidation of indigo</p> <p>58—Animal in time</p> <p>59—In a little while</p> <p>60—Pertaining to first principles</p> <p>61—Ring-shaped coral</p> <p>62—One devoted to particular pursuit</p> <p>63—Morally bad</p> <p>64—Hostile invasion</p> <p>65—Walls set in ditch</p> <p>66—Olive in return for money</p> <p>67—Mischievous sprites</p> <p>68—Quander joys</p> <p>69—Low cards in poker</p> <p>70—Speedie amount of labor imposed</p> <p>71—In estate, winding of all debts in debt</p> <p>72—Device for pressing</p> <p>73—Product of oxidation of indigo</p> <p>74—Animal in time</p> <p>75—In a little while</p> <p>76—Pertaining to first principles</p> <p>77—Ring-shaped coral</p> <p>78—One devoted to particular pursuit</p> <p>79—Morally bad</p> <p>80—Hostile invasion</p> <p>81—Walls set in ditch</p> <p>82—Olive in return for money</p> <p>83—Mischievous sprites</p> <p>84—Quander joys</p> <p>85—Low cards in poker</p> <p>86—Speedie amount of labor imposed</p> <p>87—In estate, winding of all debts in debt</p> <p>88—Device for pressing</p> <p>89—Product of oxidation of indigo</p> <p>90—Animal in time</p> <p>91—In a little while</p> <p>92—Pertaining to first principles</p> <p>93—Ring-shaped coral</p> <p>94—One devoted to particular pursuit</p> <p>95—Morally bad</p> <p>96—Hostile invasion</p> <p>97—Walls set in ditch</p> <p>98—Olive in return for money</p> <p>99—Mischievous sprites</p> <p>100—Quander joys</p> | <p>DOWN</p> <p>1—Animal spring</p> <p>2—Pie</p> <p>3—With wings</p> <p>4—As might have been expected</p> <p>5—Quick vibratory movement</p> <p>6—Cheerful for bookbinding</p> <p>7—Antiquest mineral</p> <p>8—Ashes of seaweeds</p> <p>9—Three liver dolphs</p> <p>10—Straw</p> <p>11—Crisp</p> <p>12—Withhold company</p> <p>13—Crab boat of Iceland</p> <p>14—Sword</p> <p>15—Ancient musical instrument</p> <p>16—Garment worn under coat</p> <p>17—Agate</p> <p>18—Crushing material</p> <p>19—Pillowed place for reclining</p> <p>20—Thirteenth of December</p> <p>21—Female voice</p> <p>22—Anything favorable to success</p> <p>23—Derivative of</p> <p>24—King in Norse Myth</p> <p>25—Outer covering</p> <p>26—Crust</p> <p>27—Cause to be</p> <p>28—Crust which class with wine notionless</p> <p>29—Tape</p> <p>30—Make happy</p> <p>31—Driver</p> <p>32—Signs of future happenings</p> <p>33—Wide awake</p> <p>34—House garment</p> <p>35—Expression of hearty assent</p> <p>36—Court poem</p> <p>37—Marzipan in catalog</p> <p>38—Parcel of land</p> |
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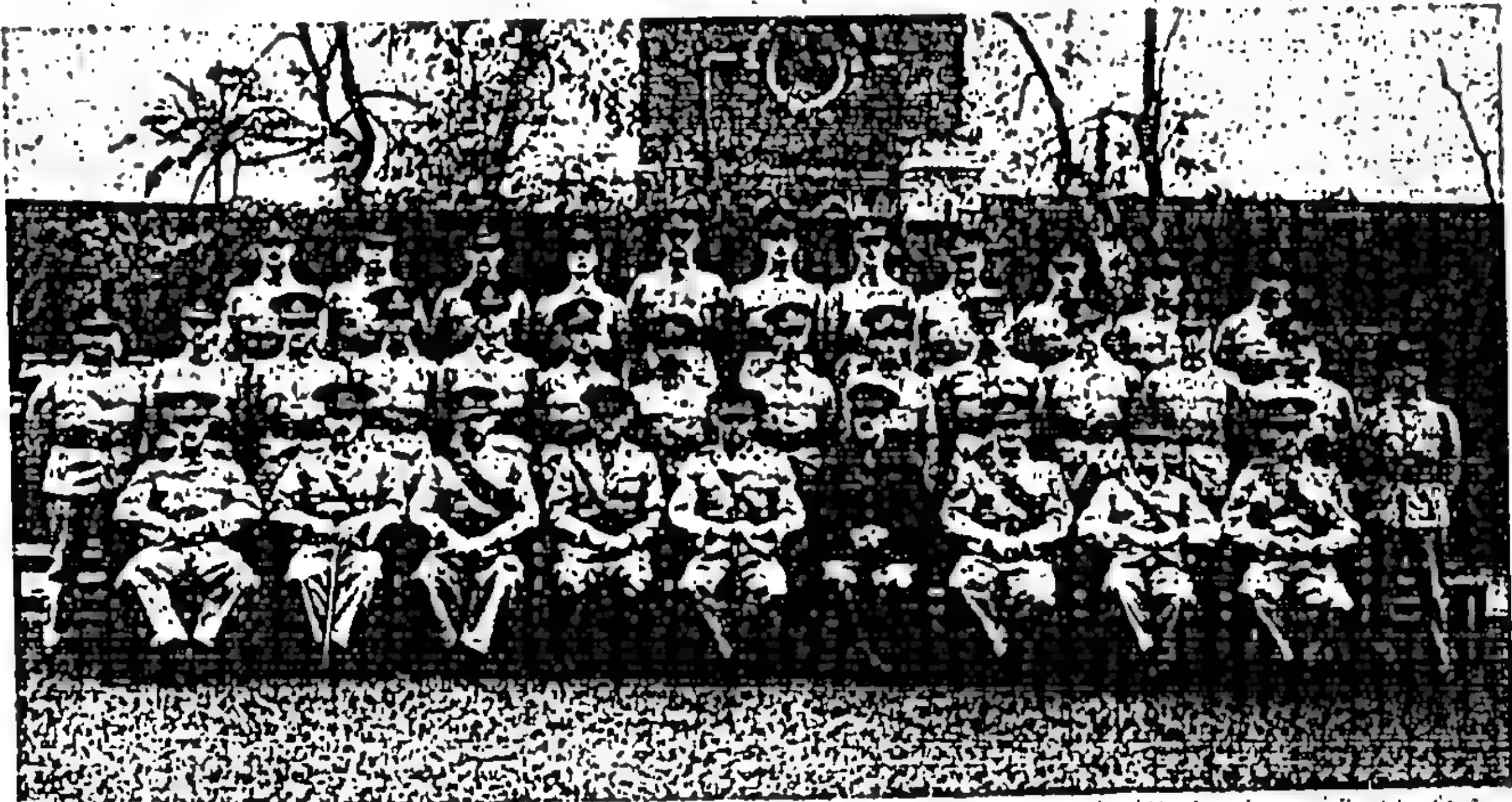
The Misses Betty Poston, Grace Swan and Suzette Compton who will take part in "The Gay Nineties" at the S.P.C. Ball this evening.—King's Studio.



The Misses Janet Leighton and Betty Richards who will also take part in "The Gay Nineties" cabaret show at the S.P.C. Ball.—King's Studio.



Group photograph taken after the recent christening of Joseph Hugh, infant son of Sergeant J. Hill, of the Hongkong Police, and Mrs. Hill.



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Social Items

The wedding took place at the Registry yesterday before Mr. T. J. Gould, Deputy Registrar of Marriages, of Mr. Alois Fendl, mechanical engineer, and Miss Maria Georgievna Gavrilenko, of 55 Cumberland Road, Kowloon Tong. The witnesses were Messrs K. Broch and E. A. von Kobza-Nagy.

The forthcoming weddings are announced between: Mr. Yee Gung-kai, merchant, and Miss Tao Sau-ying, of 298 Temple Street, Kowloon; and Mr. Ching Tong-ying, wireless operator, and Miss Julia Foo, of 10 Tak Shing Street, Kowloon.

The engagement is announced between John William, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Ephgrave of Shanghai, and Nancy Doris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Draper-Bentley of Shanghai and Vancouver.

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HITLER'S BIRTHDAY SEEN AS TURNING POINT IN CRISIS

DISTURBING INCREASE IN EUROPEAN TENSION



THIS is how Europe is fortified against possible invasion. The Czech defences have, of course, been taken over by Germans and would now constitute a powerful second line of defence against any attack from the East. Troops are facing each other across the frontiers of Italy and Greece (in Albania), Italy and Jugoslavia; France and Germany; Poland and Lithuania; Rumania, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia, and the Soviet Union.

EUROPEAN TENSION HAS SHOWN A DISTURBING INCREASE DURING THE PAST 24 HOURS, AND WAR-LIKE PREPARATIONS HAVE BECOME INCREASINGLY EVIDENT, AS HAS THE TEMPER OF NATIONALS.

Anti-French demonstrations are occurring in Italy, where crowds are shouting, "March On Paris."

Increased tension has become evident between Rumania and Hungary and both countries have massed more troops on their frontiers.

Italian and German troops are reported to be massing on the Yugo-Slavian frontier.

DANZIG DANGER

The danger spot, however, appears to be Danzig, where there is new evidence of German-inspired demonstrations of the nature which led to Hitler's marches into the Sudetenland, Czechoslovakia and Memel, and Mussolini's invasion of Albania.

Hitler's birthday next Thursday is regarded as a possible turning point in the European crisis.

DEMONSTRATION PLANNED

German nationals residing in Danzig will start a spirited demonstration on the German dictator's fiftieth birthday.

Nazi members of the City Legislature are planning to hold a rally on the particular day and demand the dismissal of Professor Karl Burckhardt, the Commissioner of the League of Nations in Danzig.

The Germans will also propose opening of negotiations with Germany for the permanent stabilisation of the status of the Free City. German citizens in Danzig urge spiritual ties between the Free City and the Reich.

(Dömel and "United Press")

Border Precautions As Tension Mounts

Tension between Rumania and Hungary has disturbingly increased, and the Rumanian Government has decided to further strengthen her forces on the western border.

Danzig Tension

DANZIG, Apr. 13. The Danzig Government has protested to Polish diplomatic representatives in the free city, charging that leaflets printed with the anti-German song "Rota" are being thrown from the Polish inter-state railway cars.

The leaflets are alleged to contain statements saying that Danzig is in Poland and is therefore Polish property.

Regular conversations between Danzig and Polish officials regarding frontier problems have not occurred during the last few days.

Meanwhile, observers notice a definite tension and an open interruption of conversations, partly because the Danzig Government is awaiting specific instructions from Berlin.

It is worthy of note that the Danzig protest was delivered after the flight of 100 Germans from Poland.

Egypt Hoards Gold

CAIRO, Apr. 13.—In view of the international situation, the Egyptian Government has banned the export of gold until further notice.—Reuter.

Japan And Europe

Tokyo, Apr. 13. Great importance is attached by political circles to two conferences between Japanese Ministers to-day. After Foreign Minister Arita had had a lengthy conversation with Premier Hiranuma regarding the Japanese attitude towards the European situation, the Premier immediately called a conference with Defence Minister Itagaki, and Marine Minister Admiral Yonai, for a detailed discussion of Japanese foreign policy, particularly with regard to the European situation.

The main theme of the conference was believed to be the problem of strengthening the anti-Comintern policy in connection with the main policy in the European situation.

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Military Precautions

PARIS, Apr. 13.—France has taken military precautions on the Pyrenean frontier, in answer to the reinforcements of the Spanish Nationalist garrisons.—United Press.

ITALIAN WAR FEVER

Demonstrations Against France

ROME, April 13.

The Fascist Grand Council met to-day under the presidency of Signor Mussolini, in connection with the offer of the Albanian crown to the King of Italy.

The Square at Venice was jammed with thousands of people clamouring for Mussolini.

In a speech from the balcony of the Palazzo, Mussolini said: "The historic events accomplished during the last few days are the results of our faith and strength."

"Towards a friendly people we will have a friendly attitude; against a hostile people we will have a clear and decided attitude of hostility."

"The world is asked to leave us alone to our great daily task."

"The world must know now that in any case we will force straight ahead—as we did yesterday, so we will to-morrow."

Officers below the balcony chanted "On to Paris!"—United Press.

"Down With France"

ROME, Apr. 13. Simultaneously with the meeting of the Fascist Grand Council at the Palazzo Venezia to-day, a demonstration took place at the Piazza Venezia, where Fascist organisations, with flags and military bands, as well as a huge crowd, had collected.

Continuously the Fascist leaders shouted: "What is France doing?" to which the crowd replied: "We are fed up with France!"

When Mussolini appeared on the balcony to address the throng, the crowd broke out into cries of "Down With France" and "Let's march to Paris!"—Trans-Ocean.

King Emmanuel Of Albania

Tirana, Apr. 14. It is reported here that King Emmanuel will go to Tirana for his coronation as King of Albania.

Mussolini's visit has been postponed indefinitely.

The Fascist propaganda agents have agreed that the Italianisation of Albania can be officially announced. Italian troops have taken over nearly all the country, except the thinly populated mountainous sections of the frontier.—United Press.

H.K. Ladies Pass A.R.P. Tests

The Air Raid Precautions Officer announces that the undermentioned ladies have passed the following examinations:

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"PRESSURE HIGHEST"

LONDON, Apr. 14. REFLECTING the political trend, to- day's weather report here stated:

"Pressure is now highest in the Mediterranean." — United Press.

EURASIA PLANE SHOT DOWN

According to a "Trans-Ocean" message from Chungking a Eurasia plane, which left Kunming yesterday for Hanoi, was attacked over Laos, near the French frontier by three Japanese war planes, and was brought down.

The German pilot of the machine is reported to have been slightly injured, while the fate of the other occupants is not yet known.

No Information Locally

The Eurasia Corporation in Hongkong states that no information has been received here of the incident. The Superintendent of Kai Tak Airport, Mr. A. G. Moss, said that the plane shot down could not have been one regularly calling at Kai Tak, as the movements of all inward and outward planes had been fully accounted for.

£850,000 Hospital Planned For A.R.P.

WHEN the King, with Queen Elizabeth, opens the new £850,000 Westminster Hospital, off Millbank, on April 29, he will see a hospital which is without rival in Europe.

Four years have been spent building and equipping the two vast, handsome blocks flanking St. John's Gardens.

The buildings are planned for up-to-date air raid precautions, with air-locks, doors for the entry of ambulances, decontaminating plant to enable the work to go on undisturbed in a gas attack.

Only £100,000 of the cost remains to be raised, and on Wednesday, Lord Wigram, president of the hospital, is to launch an appeal for this sum.

One big innovation will ensure the comfort of out-patients.

Receiving, dressing and consultation rooms are in complete units planned to abolish long waits.

High up on the roof, dominating the main building, is the beautifully appointed chapel. Its huge cross, looking down over St. John's public gardens, will be flood-lit at night.

45,000-TON WARSHIPS

U.S. To Construct Powerful Craft

WASHINGTON, Apr. 13.

IT IS reliably stated that the Navy Department plans to make the two new 45,000 ton battleships the fastest afloat sacrificing power for speed.

It is learned that the earlier plans to arm the ships with 18-inch guns have been abandoned, to enable them to use virtually all the additional 10,000 tons to increase the motive power.

A study of the speeds of existing ships and those under construction indicates that the new ships will have a speed in excess of 35 knots.—United Press.

\$45,000,000 Plan For Defence

WASHINGTON, Apr. 13.—As part of the national defence programme, the House of Representatives has passed, and sent to the Senate, a Bill authorising work, costing \$45,000,000, at naval shore stations.

It includes the construction of a graving dock in Pearl Harbour, Hawaii, at the cost of \$8,500,000.—Reuter.

Sisters Get £400 Each For Slander

TWO sisters who keep a maternal home in Heston, Middlesex, won their slander suit against Dr. Irene Kenworthy Gayus, of Queen's Gate, South Kensington, S.W., in the King's Bench Division yesterday. They were each awarded £400 damages.

Mr. Justice Greaves-Lord entered judgment with costs. A stay of execution for fourteen days was granted on terms that £200 should be brought into court within that time and notice of appeal given.

The sisters, Miss Frances Ella Buckley, of Hogarth Gardens, Heston, and Mrs. Jane Brooks, of Uxbridge Road, Hanworth Park, Feltham, certified midwives, alleged that the matters complained of made imputations against the conduct of their maternity home.

The defence denied slander and alternatively pleaded privilege.

Mr. Justice Greaves-Lord, in his summing-up, referred to the inquiries into the maternity home which Dr. Gayus said she made from Dr. Durand, assistant secretary of the B.M.A.

Turning to the letter which Dr. Durand wrote to Dr. Gayus after the interview, the judge said it contained a reference to the allegations which had been made.

The letter was later used in proceedings between Dr. Gayus's husband and his former wife over the custody of the child.

The Silvertonk sailed from San Francisco on March 18 and is expected here on or about Monday.

17 FOREIGN ENVOYS HEARD THE PREMIER

LONDON, Apr. 13.

AMONG THOSE who listened in the House of Commons to Mr. Chamberlain's speech were the Ambassadors of Belgium, China, Russia, Poland, Franco, Brazil, and the Ministers of Switzerland, Rumania, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Holland, Greece, Albania, Turkey, Finland and Peru.

The Dominions gallery was also full, while the Duke of Kent listened to the speech from Peers Gallery.—Reuter Special.

[Full Report on Page Two]

REICH WARSHIPS WILL MASS OFF SPANISH COAST

PARIS, Apr. 13.

THE REPORT of the concentration of German naval forces near Spain for spring manoeuvres has aroused serious concern in French Government circles, which fear that German and Italian intervention in Spain will regain strength.

The German Government has officially notified the British and French Governments that German naval forces will shortly engage in manoeuvres for a month near the Spanish waters.

The report adds that a German fleet including three cruisers of the Deutschland type, submarines and auxiliary vessels, is leaving Germany for Spanish waters on April 18.

Despite the Italian announcement of a projected withdrawal of volunteers from Spain, reports reaching here indicate continuous arrival of volunteers and munitions from Italy in Spain through Cadiz.

General Franco is also reported to be strengthening the defences in the Spanish Morocco and near Gibraltar. Spanish issued by the Spanish Nationalist Government failed to relieve the French anxiety over the immediate developments in Spain, especially following the latter's admission to the anti-Comintern pact.—Dömel.

German Naval Exercises

London, Apr. 13. It is learned from official sources that the German Government has informed the British and French governments that the customary spring exercises of the German fleet will be held this year off the coast of Spain, and will last about a month.

The units concerned will leave the home port on April 18 and will consist of the three Deutschland-class cruisers, a flotilla of destroyers, submarines, and auxiliary vessels.—Reuter.

LATEST

Five Ministers Discuss Situation

TOKYO, Apr. 14.

The Foreign Minister, Mr. Hachiro Arita, reported on the latest developments in Europe before the regular session of the Five-Minister Conference including Premier Hiranuma, Finance Minister Ishiwata, War Minister Itagaki and Navy Minister Yonai which met at the Premier's official residence at 1 p.m. to-day.

Discussions at to-day's meeting of the "Inner Cabinet" were understood to have centred on the European situation as explained by Foreign Minister Arita.—Dömel.

Large British Reserves

Can Pay Cash For War Materials

WASHINGTON, Apr. 13. British and French resources in the United States are sufficient to enable them to pay cash for purchases during hostilities lasting two years, according to Mr. Winthrop Case, editor of the "Analyst," who has prepared a complete estimate for the Foreign Policy Association.

Mr. Case values British and French gold and other resources in the United States between 1,000 million and 14,000 million gold dollars, and their obligations at about 4,500,000,000 gold dollars.—Reuter.

Closed To Jews

Kaunas, Apr. 13. The Latvian authorities on Wednesday refused permission to a group of Jews to enter Latvia from Lithuania, and the authorities announced that in future, no more Jews would be allowed to enter Latvia.—Trans-Ocean.

See Back Page For
Further Late News

ROOSEVELT MAY WARN OF MONROE DOCTRINE

WASHINGTON, Apr. 14.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT has arranged for a nation-wide broadcast at 6 p.m. G.M.T. to-day. It is widely believed that he will warn the Totalitarians against encroaching on Latin-American territories.—Reuter.

"WE HAVE EXERCISED PATIENCE FOR A LONG TIME" — *The Premier*

LAST WARNING TO THE AGGRESSORS

LONDON, Apr. 13.

BRITISH POLICY in the Mediterranean made a definite step forward to-day, when Mr. Chamberlain told the House of Commons that any attempt to infringe the sovereignty, independence, or territorial integrity of Greece, Rumania or Turkey would call forth maximum resistance from both British and French forces.

He further stated that as a result of the Italian invasion of Albania the British Government is giving Greece their assurance of immediate aid if they are threatened—in terms almost identical to the guarantee given to Poland.

Mr. Chamberlain also expressed the Government's concern over Italy's delay in withdrawing Italian troops from Spain.

FASCIST THREAT TO CORFU

Sweeping simultaneous declarations from both Britain and France have disclosed how swift action blocked Fascist threats to occupy Corfu.

Both Britain and France have warned the dictators that their armed forces are ready to oppose further aggression in Europe. Mr. Chamberlain told the House of Commons that, in the event of any action clearly threatening the independence of Greece and Rumania which Greece and Rumania consider vital to resist with their national forces, Britain would feel bound immediately to lend all support within her power.

Thus both Paris and London have extended to Rumania and Greece the same military commitments previously made to Poland.

FORCES FOR PEACE

"We are endeavouring to our utmost to marshal forces still in favour of peace, who are willing to resist aggression so our efforts may be successful," declared Mr. Chamberlain.

He strongly criticised the occupation of Albania and expressed "doubt and suspicion" regarding the Fascist explanations for it.

By inference, he characterised the seizure of Albania as a menace to peace and security.

On Sunday last, he said, the British Government learned that Italy intended to attack Corfu. Lord Halifax told Italy that Britain was not occupying Corfu, and warned Italy to refrain from occupation.

Mr. Chamberlain recalled that Italy had agreed to respect the status quo in the Mediterranean and emphasised that the Adriatic Sea forms part of the Mediterranean.

PLEDGE TO POWERS
However, he said, Italy had not denounced the Anglo-Italian agreement.

He announced the British pledge of assistance to Greece and Rumania and said it was being communicated to other countries, including Turkey.

Italy has given the assurance that Italian troops would be withdrawn from Spain, including pilots and planes, immediately after the parade on May 2.

He intimated that he was keeping in very close touch with the Soviet. The Opposition leaders afterwards strongly criticised the Government.

Mr. Clement Attlee saying, he was "disappointed in the speech."

However, the remainder of the House cheered the Premier's declaration.—*United Press.*

Speech In Full

LONDON, Apr. 13.

There was a tense atmosphere in the Commons when Mr. Neville Chamberlain rose to make his promised statement on the European situation. The Premier had left his residence in Downing Street 10 minutes before the House met and was cheered by large crowds en route.

The Premier said that the events which brought the House back had created widespread uneasiness and

WHEN BRITAIN WOULD GO TO WAR

BRITAIN will go to war if foreign troops set foot on any one of seven European Powers. They are Poland, Rumania, Turkey, Greece, France, Belgium and Holland.

The territorial integrity of these countries has been guaranteed by past and present assurances from the British Government.

If war developed in Europe, two of these countries—Belgium and Holland—would endeavour to maintain neutrality. The remainder have made counter-declarations of aid for Britain or France.

Although inferior in the air to the combined Italian and German fleets or warplanes, the blue led by Britain and France would have supremacy on land and sea, even if Soviet Russia, at present an unknown quantity, remained neutral.

With the assistance of Soviet Russia, the totalitarian air fleets would become inferior in number to those of the anti-aggressor Powers.

disquiet especially in the Eastern Mediterranean. He proceeded to give a narrative of the events.

Mr. Chamberlain declared that accounts of the events in Albania were conflicting and sometimes one-sided. The background to these events showed a similar divergence of testimony. He proceeded to read detailed and conflicting reports from Italian and Albanian sources.

Albania's Appeal

Mr. Chamberlain said that on April 8 the Albanian Minister appealed to the British Government to do its utmost in aid of a small nation desperately trying to defend its own territory. There was no doubt as to the general effect produced by the Italian action in Albania. Public opinion throughout the world has been profoundly shocked by a fresh exhibition of the use of force.

Rightly or wrongly the stories of oppression of Italians in Albania were regarded with doubt and suspicion. A powerful nation had imposed its will on a small and relatively defenceless country by an imposing show of armed force.

The Premier detailed the representations—in emphatic terms—by Britain to the Italian Government and of repeated British attempts to obtain information on Italian intentions.

The Agreement

"In the country there is one question we are bound to ask ourselves, and that is how far are the proceedings in Albania in conformity with the Anglo-Italian agreement?"

Recalling the preamble to the agreement, Mr. Chamberlain said, "I am sure it will be felt in this country and in the world that the action taken by the Italians in Albania, so far from contributing to the general cause of peace and security, must inevitably be a cause for further uneasiness and increase international tension."

In regard to the status quo in the

Mediterranean as set out in the agreement, Mr. Chamberlain said, "It is with these considerations in mind that Lord Perth in Rome and Lord Halifax in London made it clear that the situation might well raise in an acute form the whole question of maintenance of the status quo—matter which formed so important an element in the Anglo-Italian agreement."

"The Atlantic is certainly a part of the Mediterranean and the Italian Government cannot claim that we are not concerned."

Ciano's Assurance

The Premier recalled that on April 7 Count Ciano stated that the Italian Government fully intended to respect the independence and integrity of Albania and the status quo in the Mediterranean. On April 9 the Italians were informed that although Britain has taken note of these and other assurances, "we are gravely concerned at the reports of the sudden invasion of Albania and found it difficult to believe that if the situation between Italy and Albania was as described by Count Ciano, the differences were incapable of solution by negotiation. Moreover we found it more difficult to understand how it is possible to reconcile the Italian landing in Albania with the maintenance of the independence and integrity of Albania."

Frank Explanation

Lord Perth had told Count Ciano that Britain felt they were entitled to the frankest and fullest explanation regarding the Albanian situation and Italy's future intentions. Lord Perth added that the explanations had caused His Majesty's Government profound misgiving and "would not satisfy public opinion in this country." (Cheers.)

"When pressed by Lord Perth to state Italy's future intentions Count Ciano stated, 'These would depend upon the wishes of the Albanian people.'"

Mr. Chamberlain added, "It is clear from the latest news that the Albanian Provincial Administrative Council has now offered the crown to the King of Italy. We must await the acquiescence of the Italian Government to this offer. Whatever the outcome, His Majesty's Government find it difficult in the extreme to reconcile what happened in Albania with what was contemplated by the Anglo-Italian Agreement."

It is not only the future of Albania that is at stake. (Cheers.)

The sense of disquiet and uneasiness has been felt not only in adjacent areas but in other countries bordering on the Mediterranean or included in the Balkan Peninsula. I will not trouble the House with elaborate details, but I will give proof of this fact.

Question Of Corfu

When the Italian Charge d'Affaires saw Lord Halifax on April 11 he told him, among other things that Greece and Yugoslavia were perfectly calm. Later, in an interview Lord Halifax informed the Italian Charge d'Affaires that the British Government had no intention of occupying Corfu, but would take a very grave view if anybody else occupied it. (Cheers.)

Later we learned from the British Minister at Athens that the information had reached the Greek Government that Italy was intending to occupy Corfu in the near future, and this information was subsequently confirmed by the Greek Minister in London.

Lord Halifax saw the Italian Charge d'Affaires and told him of these reports, and the latter said he had no hesitation in saying it was absolutely impossible that they were correct,



THE PREMIER

Chamberlain's Speech Reported in Full

and on his own responsibility gave an assurance that this was not the policy of his Government.

Lord Halifax, while welcoming the assurance, said it was absolutely vital there be no misunderstanding between the two Governments on this point.

New Assurance
After describing how the Italian Charge d'Affaires had given him a personal assurance that Italy had no intention of occupying Corfu, the Premier went on to say:

"Later the same day the Italian Charge d'Affaires called with a message from Signor Mussolini, and gave a renewed assurance that Italy intended to respect the territorial and insular territory of Greece."

"The particular story (respecting Corfu) has now been discarded, yet, as I said on a previous occasion, yet confidence is shaken it is not easily re-established. His Majesty's Government feels that it has both a duty and a service to perform by leaving no doubt in the mind of anybody as to its position."

Meet War With War

"Consequently, the Government has come to the conclusion that in the event of any action which clearly threatened the independence of Greece and Rumania, and which the Greek and Rumanian governments respectively consider vital to resist by their national forces, His Majesty's Government would feel itself bound at once to lend the Greek and Rumania Governments all the support in its power. (Cheers.)"

"We are communicating this declaration to the governments directly concerned, and to others. I understand the French Government is making a similar declaration."

Dominions' Support
"The Dominion governments, as always, are being continually informed of all the developments. I only

want to add one or two observations. "So far as I am concerned, nothing that has happened has altered my conviction that the policy of His Majesty's Government in signing the Anglo-Italian agreement a year ago was right. (Cheers.) I don't say that in order to raise a controversy, but in order to avoid misunderstanding in my present attitude."

"I frankly confess deep disappointment in the action of the Italian Government. No doubt, some will say that we should now declare the Anglo-Italian agreement to be considered at an end, but I don't take that view."

"Nobody with a sense of responsibility can, in these days, lightly do PLEASE Turn To Page 3."

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- R. 2130. I'd Rather Be A Savage. I Couldn't Make To The Girl Of To-day.
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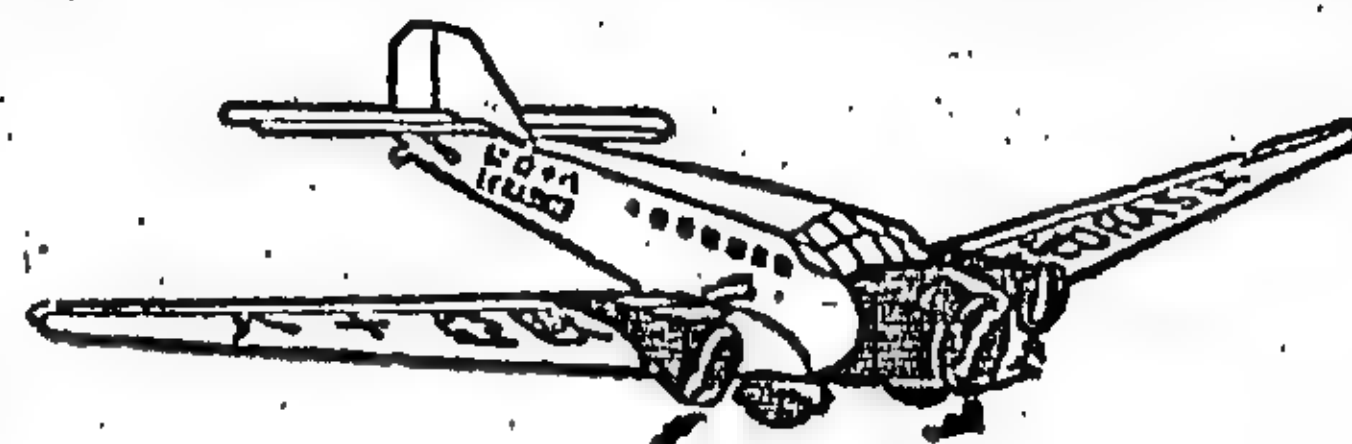
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OPPOSITION'S REPLY TO CHAMBERLAIN

LONDON, Apr. 13.

MR. CLEMENT ATTLEE, leader of the Labour Opposition, followed the Premier in the debate on the international situation, and declared himself disappointed with the Premier's statement.

"We have had a deliberate breach of obligations undertaken by Signor Mussolini in the Anglo-Italian agreement. We regarded the agreement as part of a mistaken policy; an unreal policy of unilateral appeasement."

"In my view, the rape of Albania is the destruction of the Anglo-Italian agreement. What the destruction of Czechoslovakia was to Munich, and the general effect is that one cannot accept the word of either the ruler of Germany or Italy."

"When people suggest that troubles can be dealt with if only reasonable people would meet round a table, we have to remember that these people are not reasonable."

Great Anxiety

"We have got to face the position that everywhere in Europe there is great anxiety, and everyone is asking who is going to be the next victim."

"The attack on Albania was certainly not a sudden attack occasioned by something done by King Zog."

"It was part of the settled policy of the Axis Powers, and was directed towards the disintegration of the whole of that part of Europe."

"I welcome the fact that we have undertaken responsibilities towards Poland, Greece and Rumania, but the Government to-day has accepted just those responsibilities which they refused to accept under the covenant of the League."

"We want to see a real policy of assurance. These individual plugs are useful, but we want to see a dam. We want a policy which is going to build up collective security for years, and something more than a policy of cover for a week, or a fortnight."

Russian Aid

"I do not think it would be wise to underestimate the difficulties in which the totalitarian States find themselves, but if we are to prevent war, we must not let a strong enough force to deter the aggressor. I am sorry, therefore, we have got no mention about the position of Russia."

"If you want to build collective security you must get unity between Britain, France, and Russia. I feel

WHO THE SPEAKERS WERE

MR. C. R. ATTLEE, leader of the Labour Opposition, expressed disappointment with Mr. Chamberlain's statement, and said that the settled policy of the totalitarianism was the disintegration of Europe.

MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL, who was First Lord of the Admiralty during the Great War, criticised British naval manoeuvring in the Mediterranean, and demanded unity with Soviet Russia.

LORD SNELL and LORD LOTHIAN, Socialist Peers, also urged that an alliance with Soviet Russia was vital.

DR. HUGH DALTON, one-time Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs in the Labour Government, urged an alliance covering aggression in any continent.

MR. LLOYD GEORGE, the wartime Liberal Premier, warned that the next raid from aggressor nations would come very soon. Britain, he said, had been fooled by infinitely cleverer men than those who were now guiding the destinies of the Empire.

BERLIN 'IRRITATED' AT THREAT

Reactions To Premier's Declaration

Berlin, Apr. 13.

OFFICIAL spokesmen here have declined to make any comment on the British and French declarations pending "a close study of the official text."

They are unable, however, to conceal their irritation and disappointment at the rapid progress of the "policy of encirclement."

Authoritative circles close to the Wilhelmstrasse denounce the Anglo-French guarantee to Greece and Rumania as "mere bluff, designed to try the encirclement policy a step further." — United Press.

"Leave Us Alone"

Rome, Apr. 13.

Addressing a crowd of 45,000 at the Piazza Venezia after a meeting of the Fascist Grand Council to-day, which approved the King's acceptance of the Albanian crown, Signor Mussolini said that recent events were an expression of the Italian will to faith and strength.

"The world is begged to leave us alone in our great daily task," added Il Duce.

His words were greeted with shouts of "To Tunis! To Corsica!" — Reuter.

"Unrepentant"

LONDON, Apr. 13.

First reaction in Rome and Berlin to the Mr. Chamberlain's statement appears to show that Italy and her Axis partner stand firm and unrepentant.

In Bucharest, the guarantee to Rumania was received on all sides with exclamations of "Bravo!"

General opinion in Bucharest is that the Premier's statement neither cases nor aggravates the international situation, which it is felt, remains grave, with everything depending on the next move of the Axis Powers.

Official German circles show a reluctance to comment before carefully examining the full text of the statement, but an inspired declaration issued to the foreign press takes Mr. Chamberlain to task on many points in his speech, and attacks alleged British propaganda methods.

Adriatic Not Part Of Mediterranean!

Italian political circles, basing their view on the summarised reports of the statement, held that Mr. Chamberlain had recognised the fact that Albania did not constitute a breach of the Anglo-Italian agreement so long as this was "properly interpreted."

The same observation was made regarding the Mediterranean status quo.

Mr. Chamberlain's claim that the Adriatic is part of the Mediterranean is disputed, and acclamation prevails regarding Britain's capacity to carry out the undertakings given to Rumania and Greece, just as in the case of Poland.

Italy's own pledge to Greece is rendering the British guarantee to that country superfluous — Reuter.

Firmness Welcomed

LONDON, Apr. 13.

A highly favourable reception has been accorded Mr. Chamberlain's statement by the public and press, the consensus of opinion being reflected in the first press comments which emphasise that England hopes for peace, but is willing to fight.

Parliamentary quarters welcome the "quiet firmness" of the Premier's remarks, and even the Labour Party members speak in a commendatory manner of the decisive steps taken by the Government.

Mr. Attlee's speech is criticised as being ineffective as it gives the Authoritarian States grounds for asserting that the British Government is disinterested.

Conservative circles emphasise that the rift between the Government and the group behind Mr. Anthony Eden and Mr. Winston Churchill has now been bridged. Both Mr. Churchill and Mr. Eden have indicated their agreement with the Government's policy.

Particular attention is drawn to the fact that although Germany was not mentioned by name, Mr. Chamberlain's remarks were largely directed at her. It is against Germany, whose assumed aggressive intentions, the guarantee policy of the Government is directed.

Rome-Berlin Discord?

A slight hope of drawing Italy away from the Axis also seems to prevail in Government circles, who believe that they see indication of discord between Rome and Berlin. Should reports from Rome that

Daladier's Declaration

Peace With Liberty And Honour Demanded

PARIS, Apr. 13.

THE FRENCH PREMIER to-day dictated his declaration of French policy.

France, he said, is determined to preserve peace with liberty and honour, and France is disposed to help all peoples who are determined to oppose aggression.

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Britain's Final Warning

anything which would lead to increased international tension, I believe, therefore, that there is a widespread desire to see the fulfilment of the provisions of that agreement, and naturally, in view of recent events, it is to the Italian Government that I look for practical evidence that they share that desire. (Cheers.)

Italians In Spain

"Reference has been made to the evacuation of Italian volunteers from Spain. During the course of the recent exchanges we were informed that the Italians would be withdrawn after the Madrid victory parade. The Government always regarded the withdrawal of Italian volunteers from Spain as a vital element of the Anglo-Italian agreement."

"We have exercised patience for a long period in spite of the many disturbances in our efforts to remove, suspicion, promote goodwill, and to keep the peace, and I am not willing to believe these efforts won't bear fruit."

"I hope Members will not assume that because I have not mentioned Russia that we are not keeping in close touch with the representatives of Russia. We have a very difficult task to perform. We have to consider not only what we wish, but also what other people are willing to do. I ask the House to believe, that without any pre-conceived ideological notions, we are endeavouring to the utmost of our ability to marshal the forces which still favour peace."

Stiffen Attitude

"I say to-day, that we must stiffen our resolution, not only to make ourselves strong to defend ourselves, but also to play our part in siding with those who, if faced by aggression or threatened with the loss of their freedom, decide to resist." — Reuter.

LETTERS

To The Editor, Hongkong Telegraph

LEFT BOOK CLUB

Sir—The Hongkong Group of the Left Book Club was formed recently in addition to more than 1,100 local groups already existing in England and the Dominions.

Founded in 1930 with the original purpose of providing machinery by which books of urgent political importance could be issued at a very low price, the Left Book Club has soon become a fellowship and a movement, aiming at promoting the ideals of humanity, democracy and peace in opposition to Fascism and wanton destruction of people and civilization.

The work of the Left Book Club in

He gave pledges to support Greece and Rumania, similar to those made by Mr. Chamberlain. M. Daladier said France and Poland have re-affirmed their military alliance.

"France attaches the greatest importance to preventing any modification of forces or threat of force to the status quo in the Mediterranean or the Balkan Peninsula," he declared.

M. Daladier added that since French policy had been defined in March, France had taken precautions on the Spanish frontier and had acted in harmony with Britain to preserve the status quo in the Mediterranean, as well as strengthening ties with all peoples opposing aggression.

Actions had been taken without verbal manifestations or vain provocations.

No Domination

In the course of his declaration, M. Daladier said:

"The Prime Minister reiterates the aims of French policy as outlined on March 29."

"France had since acted without words demonstrations and vain provocations."

"She had taken military measures which will guarantee the French and empire frontiers against all surprises."

"The Government remains in permanent contact with the governments of Britain, the United States, Russia, Poland, and the Balkan Entente, and I am convinced that our object will be attained in organising collaboration between all nations who do not wish to threaten the vital interests of any people, and are determined to oppose all attempts at domination."

"The close and profound agreement with Great Britain, never has had greater strength than to-day."

M. Daladier then read the declaration of support for Greece and Rumania, which had been drawn up in common agreement with Britain. — Reuter.

U.S. Precaution

Washington, Apr. 13.

Senator Tom Connally has introduced a Bill in Congress to impose drastic taxes on individuals and corporations during war time in order to prevent profiteering. — United Press.

Hongkong, apart from following the general routine of discussing the book of the month, will be concentrated upon giving aid to China, and with this aim in view the Committee has planned to combine lectures and discussions on vital problems concerning China with practical help to wounded soldiers and destitute civilian population.

On April 17 the Group will gather for discussing Agnes Smedley's latest book "China Begins Back" (first-hand account of the 8th Route Army) and for defining the programme of future activities.

ANNA FRENKEL, Secretary-Convenor, THE LEFT BOOK CLUB.

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Opposition's Reply

(Continued from Page 3.)

plans a definite Anglo-Franco-Soviet military alliance, Sir John Simon said. "Although I cannot say that a particular proposition has been made, the House may take it that the British Government is raising no objection in principle to any such proposition."

The debate concluded without a vote being taken and the House adjourned until Tuesday next.—Reuter.

Naked Aggression
Taking part in the debate, Sir Archibald Sinclair, the Liberal Party leader, said of Albania:

"This naked act of aggression tears to tatters the last shred of the policy of appeasement. It violates the Anglo-Italian agreement, and the gentleman's agreement on which that agreement was based."

"We are faced by an act of conspiracy between the Axis Powers." Sir Archibald Sinclair asked for a Ministry of Supply without delay, observing: "Let us be prepared to prove our resolution, and then let us rally others who are threatened, to our common cause."

Sir Archibald emphasised the need of friendship with Russia.

Good Reception
On the whole the Premier's speech met with a good reception among members of the House of Commons.

Government supporters recognise that with so much depending upon the attitude and willingness for the action of other governments, the Premier's task is not an easy one.

They applauded his statement regarding Rumania and Greece, though some members express the view that Mr. Chamberlain did not go far enough, and that a more definite line would have been better.

They would like to press for a fuller statement regarding the re-

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Chartered	8 n.
Mercantile, S. & B.	12 n.
Mercantile, C.	13 n.
East Asia	80 n.

INSURANCES	
Canton	225 b.
Unions	407 sa.
China Underwriter	14 1/2 n.
H.K. Fire	183 n.

SHIPPING	
Douglas	70 b.
Steamboats	13 n.
Indo-China	60 n.
Indo-China, D.S.	24 n.
Shell Beaters	81 1/3 n.
Waterboats	84 1/3 n.

DOCKETS	
Wharves	104 sa.
Docks	10 n.
Providents	4.00 n.
New Eng. Sh.	6.70 n.
Sh. Docks	10 1/2 n.

MINING	
Kailan	17 1/2 n.
Ruhs	8 b.
Venz	3 n.
Hongkong Mines	4 n.
Antamoks	33 1/2 sa.
Aloks	30 1/2 sa.
Benguet	25 sa.
Benguet Cons.	11 1/2 sa.
Coco Grove	34 sa.
Demonstrations	13 1/2 sa.
L.X.L.	53 sa.
Hogons	24 sa.
Camarines	50 sa.
San Maurice	10 1/2 sa.
Suyoc Consols	10 1/2 sa.
Paracels	62 sa.

LANDS	
Hotels	5.30 sa.
Land	33 1/2/32 1/2 sa.
Land 4 1/2 deb.	104 n.
Shal Lands	8.00 n.
Humphreys	8.55 n.
H.K. Estates	4.35 n.
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UTILITIES	
Trams	10.10 sa.
Peak Trams (old)	8 n.
Peak Trams (new)	8 n.
Star Ferries	0.75 n.
Y. Ferries (old)	25 sa.
Y. Ferries (new)	24 sa.
China Lights (new)	5.15 b.
H.K. Electric	54 sa.
Maeco Electric	17 n.
Sandakan Light	12 n.
Telephones (old)	22 1/2 sa.
Telephones (new)	7 1/4 n.
Tractions	22 n.
Tractions (Pref.)	22 1/2 n.

INDUSTRIAL	
Cold Mfg. (old)	14 n.
Cold Mfg. (Pref.)	13 n.
Canton Ice	0.5 n.
Cements	13 1/2 n.
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Dairy Farms (ex. rts.)	21 1/2 sa.
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Watsons	7 1/2 n.
Lane Crawfords	8 n.
Sinceres	1.80 n.
Wing On (H.K.)	42 n.
Powell, Ltd.	80 n.

COTTON MILLS	
Ewo Sh.	20 n.
Shal Cotton	105 n.
Zoong Shing	30 n.
Wing On Textiles	40 n.

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H.K. Entertainment	6.40 b.
Constructions	14 n.
Vibro Filling	0.30 n.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925	102 1/2
G. Bonds	0.4 1/2
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan 4% p.m.	n.
H.K. Govt. Loan 3 1/2% p.m.	n.
Marsmans (London)	13 1/3 n.
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Tension Grows In Europe

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tenance of good relations with Powers, politically, economically and militarily interested in the outcome of the China conflict, and the entire Far Eastern developments.—Trans-Ocean.

Soviet Warships On Move?

Moscow, Apr. 13.
The Soviet Government to-day denied that 14 Russian warships had passed the Bosphorus into the Mediterranean as reported by almost the entire world press.

An official communique declared that during the last fortnight, no Soviet cruiser or torpedo boat of the Black Sea fleet has passed the Bosphorus.

On the other hand, Turkish sources confirm that Russian warships did pass into the Mediterranean.—Trans-Ocean.

Greece Returns Pledge

London, Apr. 13.
A British spokesman has confirmed that Greece has returned Britain's pledge and agreed to put her strategically important harbours at the disposal of the British Navy and Air Force in the event of war.—United Press.

Ex-Viceroy's Son Wants Divorce

Viscount Rutendone, the 39-year-old son and heir of Lord Willington, former Viceroy of India, is petitioning for a divorce from his 22-year-old wife, Viscountess Rutendone. The case is among the undefended divorce petitions for hearing in the Divorce Court before Mr. Justice Hodson.

Before the marriage in June, 1934, Lady Rutendone was Miss Basil Foster, daughter of Mr. Basil Foster, the actor-cricketer, and his first wife, Mrs. G. G. Foster, formerly Miss Gwendoline Brogden, the musical comedy actress.

Viscount Rutendone married Miss Maxine Forbes-Robertson, eldest daughter of Sir Johnston and Lady Forbes-Robertson, in 1934, but the marriage was dissolved eight years later.

BORROWED UNIFORM Chinese Gets an Extra Sentence for Offence

Appearing on remand before Mr. T. J. Houston at the Central Magistrate's Court yesterday, Luk Wing, 29, unemployed, was sentenced to one month's hard labour for wearing a uniform of I. M. Forces without permission, and to another three months' hard labour for the theft of four opium pipes from a divan in Water Street on Monday.

Detective Sergeant R. Maevoy said that both the Police and the Military authorities had tried to find the owner of the uniform, but had not been able to do so.

Defendant was arrested with two other men on Tuesday after they had entered an opium divan and run off with the pipes. Defendant was in uniform at that time, and it was later discovered that he was not in military employ, but had only borrowed the uniform.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued at 4.00 p.m. yesterday, says:

Very quiet conditions prevailed all day, resulting in a small turnover, rates generally remaining fairly steady.

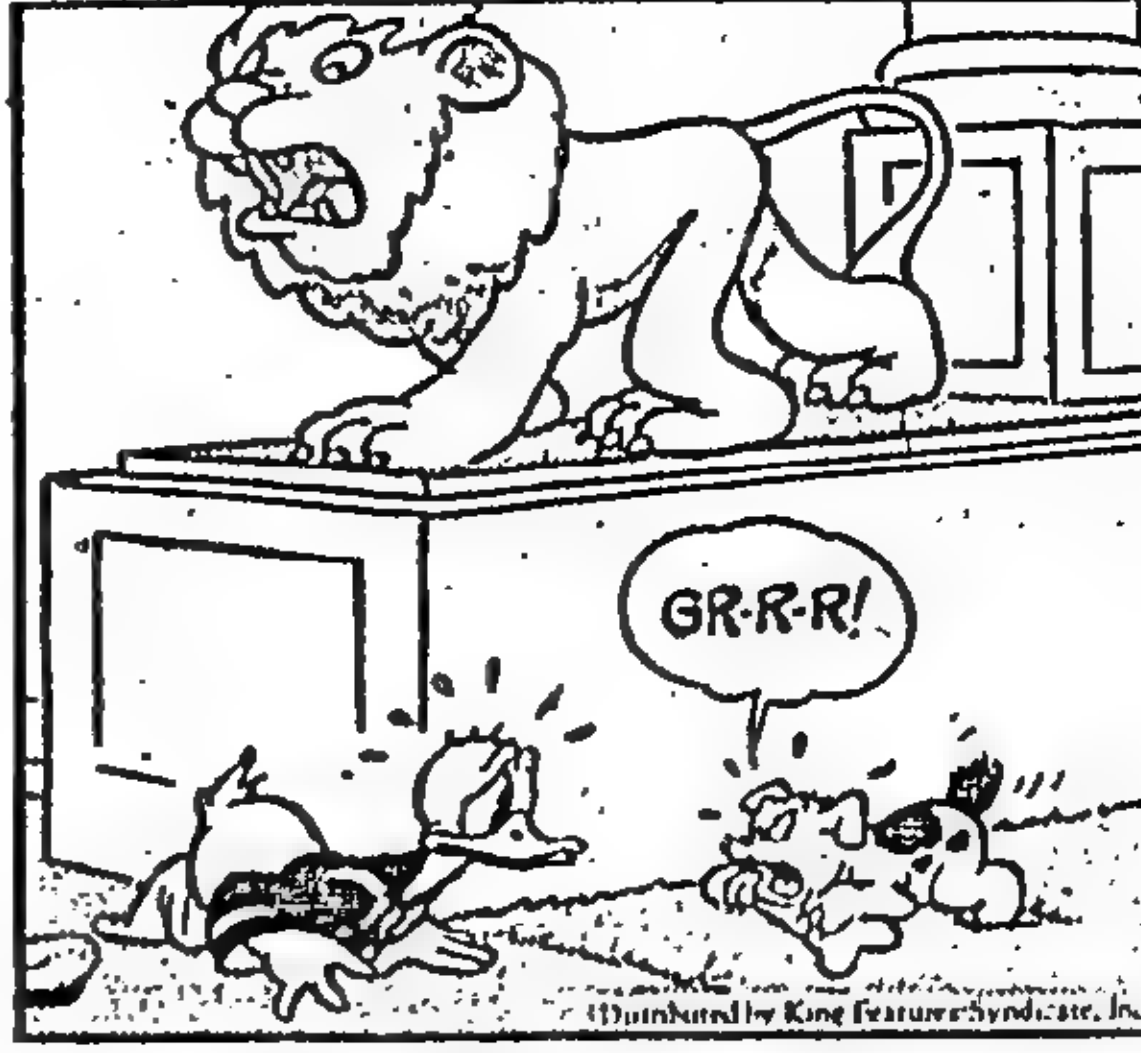
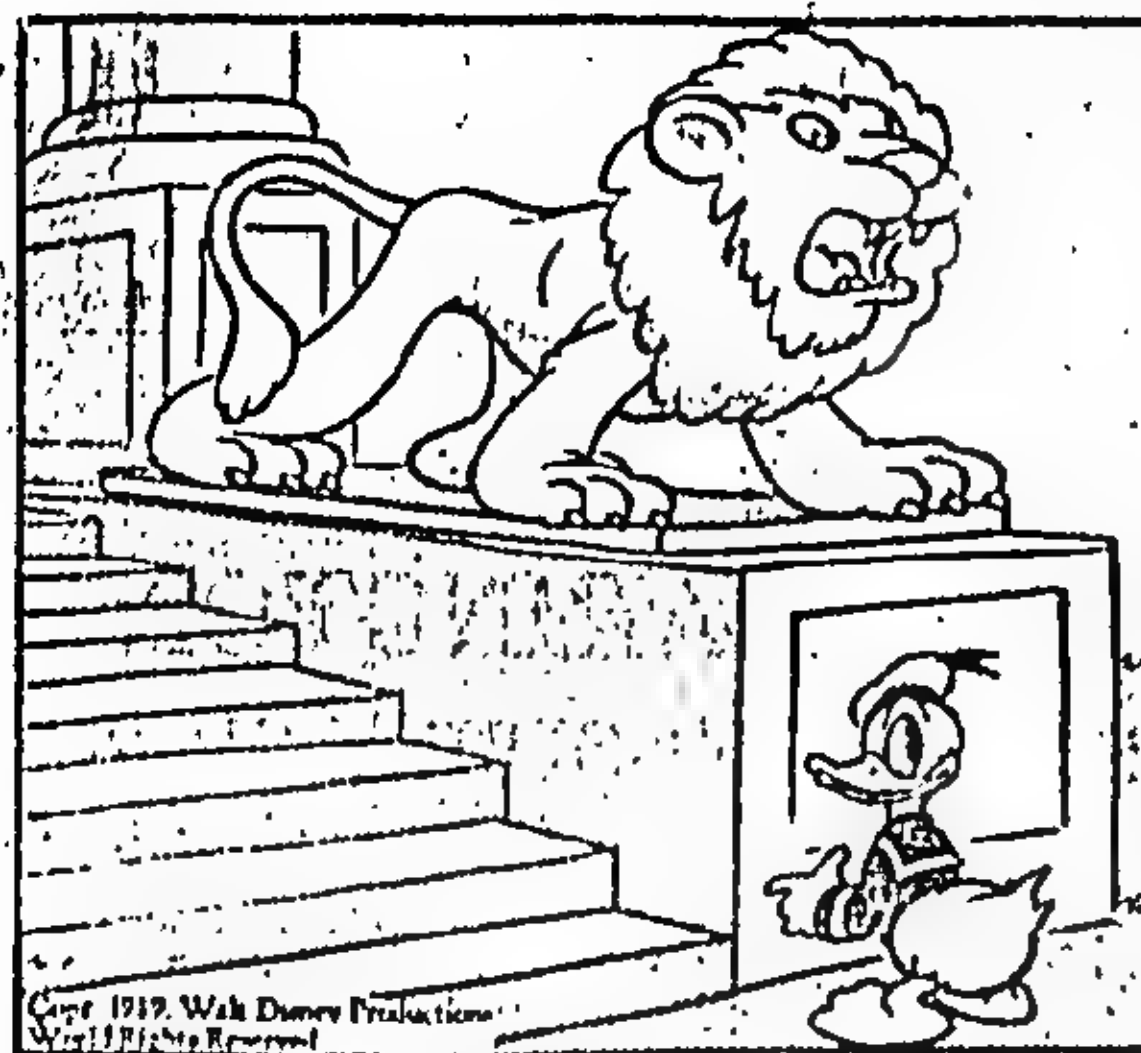
Buyers: Hongkong Bank \$1,350, Canton Insurance \$225, Douglas \$50, China Lights (New) \$5, Canton Ice \$24, Entertainments \$4.40, Maramans 4 1/2.

Sellers: H.K. & K. Wharves \$106, Dairy Farms Ex Rights \$21 1/2, Dairy Farms Rights \$10 1/2, H.K. Lands \$33 1/2, H.K. Tramways \$10 1/2, United Assurance \$40, H.K. Electric \$54, Canton Ice \$24, Antamoks \$33 1/2, Aloks \$30 1/2, Benguet Consolidated \$11 1/2, X. L. \$3, North Camarines \$50, San Maurice \$10 1/2, Suyoc \$10 1/2, United Paracels \$2.

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Wars And Rumours Of War Dominate American Politicians' Speeches

BORAH ASSAILS MONGERS

SEATTLE, Apr. 14. IN A copyright article to-day the "Seattle Star" quoted Senator Borah as denouncing "the leaders of all countries who can talk nothing but war."

Senator Borah asserted that any United States involvement in a European war by its leaders would be "stark treason."

"The constant talk about American intervention in the European controversy will inevitably drag us in the war if it comes."

"Examine the warmongers and you would find not one who would be subject to be called up; most of them are not subject to payment of taxes."

"We will go to war when our rights are assailed, when our land is invaded, and when American rights are invaded, when a wholly European and imperialistic, in nothing less than stark treason to the American people," Senator Borah declared.

The Senator made this statement especially at the Seattle Star's request.—United Press.

Conquest, Violence Denounced

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Apr. 13. ASSISTANT Secretary of State, Mr. Sumner Welles, in a speech on Founders Day at the University of Virginia to-day condemned the "handful of men" threatening world peace.

He urged the United States to sell the materials needed to prevent the conquest of peace-loving nations. Mr. Welles vigorously criticised the "policy of persecution and tyranny" practised by the totalitarianism which is being carried out rapidly by "conquest and violence."

He emphasised that it is the Administration's major objective to keep peace in the United States, and repeated President Roosevelt's warning that "acts of aggression and conquest against peaceful people affect us, even in our geographical isolation."

—United Press.

EMPRESS LINER DUE

The Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Russia left Yokohama at 4 p.m. yesterday and is due at Hongkong on April 20 at 9 a.m.

Roosevelt Arouses Fear

WASHINGTON, Apr. 13. IN the Senate to-day, Senator Walter George, Georgian Democrat declared that President Roosevelt's remark at Warm Springs "aroused a genuine fear throughout the United States."

"It ought to be made abundantly clear that we do not intend to take this country into war," he declared. "Here we are with an indebtedness of forty billion dollars, worrying about what is going to happen to the poor Filipinos, and their fellows in London and Paris. My God! Have we gone crazy?"

Senator George flayed all the proposed amendments to the neutrality laws.

Senator Reynolds joined in the denunciation and described the Philippines as a liability.

He said he would not give one American boy for the Orient.

"Why the hell should we worry ourselves to death about other people in the world. We ought to be worrying about our own people," said Senator Reynolds.—United Press

Neutrality And The Orient

WASHINGTON, April 13. AT the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee's hearings to-day, Representative Keefe advocated retaining the present Neutrality Law, but he would make it mandatory for the President and Congress to recognize a state of war.

"When war is actually being waged as in China to-day, I cannot see for one minute why the President has not declared a state of war in the Orient," he said.

Representative Tamm said that invocation of the Neutrality Law would for ever close the open door in China.

He said despite the sinking of the U.S.S. Panay and other incidents the Japanese had precipitated the United States have kept but of war, chiefly due to the Neutrality Law.

Colonel Tison, former Republican leader on the floor, urged for the scrapping of all neutrality legislation.

He said he thoroughly agreed with the President on the non-application of the neutrality law to China and Japan.—United Press.

Britain And War Risks Insurance

Provisional Scheme To Be Effected

London, Apr. 13. Replying to Mr. Arthur Greenwood in the House of Commons to-day with regard to war risks insurance on cargoes, Mr. Oliver Stanley, President of the Board of Trade, announced that the Government had decided to enforce immediately pending legislative sanction a provisional scheme for the reinsurance market, as far as King's Enemies risks on cargoes destined for discharge in or shipped from the United Kingdom.

He added that this course not only prevented a general increase in the existing rates of premium on such cargoes, but made it possible for some of the present conditions of war risks insurance policy were to be modified to the advantage of traders.—Reuter Special.

CITY ROBBERY

Valuable Rings Missing From Jewellers

A robbery, remarkable for its coolness and daring, yesterday left a well-known city jewellers store poorer by several thousands of dollars and the police with few clues.

The victims were Messrs. Falconer and Company, of Pedder Street, and their loss comprised three platinum and diamond rings worth \$3,480.

Little is known of how the rings were stolen, but they were discovered missing some time after three Chinese, who had entered the shop and discussed the price of a watch one of them wished to purchase, had left.

The incident occurred about 3 p.m. During the time the three customers were in the shop nothing unusual was noticed by any of the shop assistants, and all are mystified at the way the rings had apparently been spirited away.

Police are making enquiries.

PERTH RETIRING

British Ambassador In Rome at Age Limit

Rome, Apr. 13. The British Ambassador in Rome, Lord Perth, who is leaving the diplomatic service after attaining the age limit, will, it is stated, take his departure from the Italian capital in about 10 days.

Lord Perth, who as Sir Eric Drummond was formerly the Secretary-General of the League of Nations, has been Ambassador in Rome since October, 1933. His successor, Sir Percy Loraine, is not expected to take over the Embassy before the end of April unless unforeseen circumstances should arise.—Trans-Ocean.

26 Die In Awful Train Smash

MEXICO CITY

Apr. 13.

TWENTY-SIX were killed and 50 injured when the Guadalajara express crashed into the rear of the crack Laredo train, 140 miles north of Mexico City to-day.—Reuter Special.

Sagres Still Detained

The steamer Sagres is still detained by the Japanese. Negotiations for her release are continuing, it was learned from the naval authorities this morning.

The ship was stopped by the Japanese about three days ago off the Fukien coast and diverted into Baku to enable her claim to fly the British flag to be verified, according to the Japanese explanation.

The vessel, which is the property of Messrs. Williamson and Co., had loaded salt in Chuan Bay, near Amoy, and was proceeding to Sharp Peak at Foochow when she was stopped.

County Breaks Tradition

Memphis, Mo.

For the first time in 60 years, Scotland county, Mo., will have a Republican county clerk, Frank A. Trammell, won by 67 votes over his Democratic rival, J. E. Poole, the incumbent, in the recent election.

THE "TELEGRAPH"

will send a Staff Photographer to all events of public interest. Requests should be addressed to the Pictorial Editor.

Wants Japan Treated As Violator Of Treaties

WASHINGTON, Apr. 13.

SENATOR Key Pittman to-day declared that he would support a policy treating Japan as a violator of the Nine-Power Pact, whose signatories had pledged to respect China's territorial integrity.

Speaking at a meeting of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, which is studying neutrality, Senator Pittman indicated that he had in mind economic measures which the United States might take in an attempt to force Japan to end what he characterized as a violation of American rights in China.

Senator Pittman said this while questioning Mrs. Louise Leonard Wright, spokeswoman of six women's organizations who asked that the United States "almost terrifying power" be loosed from the rigid brutality restrictions, which had made the nation a silent partner to the aggressors.—Reuter.

ATTACKS PRESENT ACT

Washington, Apr. 13. During to-day's Senate Foreign Affairs Committee hearings, the Committee's Chairman, Senator Key Pittman announced that he is "perfectly willing to vote for specific legislation to curb Japanese aggression in China and their violation of United States treaty rights."

However, he said it is impossible to enact blanket legislation to meet such possible future developments elsewhere.

He defended his own cash and carry amendment to the Neutrality Law as a safeguard against involvement in war, and attacked the Thomas amendment which would authorize the President to embargo shipments of whatever he should choose to any nation he branded as an aggressor.

This amendment he said, "would be a dangerous instrument which might tend to involve this country."

"Meanwhile the unfairness of the present Act is best demonstrated by the manner it would operate if applied to the Sino-Japanese war," Senator Pittman added.

He asserted that even the Thomas amendment would not change in the present situation in China, which, he stressed is "one of the most outstanding demonstrations of fortitude in history."—United Press.

MOCK AIR RAID

Bombers Fly Over Italian Capital

Rome, Apr. 13.

The first of to-day's series of mock air raids started at 10.15 a.m. when sirens were sounded all over the city announcing the approach of "enemy planes."

In accordance with the regulations posted throughout the city during the past fortnight, the streets were immediately cleared of all pedestrians, vehicles halted and passengers ran for cover.

The second mock air raid started

Clipper Went To Macao

First Flight In Six Months

THE Pan American Philippine Clipper made its first call at Macao since the start of the South China invasion last October.

It was then decided that owing to the presence of Japanese naval forces in South China, it was inadvisable for the Clippers to run to the Portuguese Colony.

This morning the local office of the company received a radio saying the plane was calling at Macao.

The Clipper reached Hongkong at 2 p.m.

A. R. P. WARDEN COURSES

A.R.P. Warden courses have been arranged as follows:

English Classes: La Salle College Kowloon, every Tuesday and Friday at 8 p.m., commencing on Tuesday, April 18; Diocesan Girls School, Kowloon, every Tuesday and Friday at 8 p.m., commencing on Tuesday, April 18.

First Aid—A.R.P.: Y.M.C.A. Salisbury Road, Kowloon, every Monday at 11 a.m., commencing on Monday, April 17.

Chinese Classes: Tai Tung School, Kak Hang Teun Road, Kowloon, every Tuesday and Friday at 7 p.m., commencing on Tuesday, April 11.

(The first lecture has already been held, but a resume of it will be given to candidates on April 14).

Tung Mut Middle School, 127 Heard Street, Wanchai, every Monday and Thursday at 7 p.m., commencing on Monday, April 17.

In addition, it is proposed to hold a course for English-speaking residents at the Club Lusitano, Ice House Street. Would those interested please send their names at once to Mr. H. B. Sequeira, Club Lusitano, Ice House Street, Hongkong.

at 10.55 when bombers flew over Rome. Immediately after this anti-aircraft guns started firing, using red coloured powder.

A general black-out is expected some time to-night.—United Press.

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6.0 Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel.

(a) Feeling in my heart; (b) Goin' Back to Town; (c) Blue Skies; (d) Meet the beat of my heart.

6.14 Record: When The Poppies Bloom Again (Morrow-Pelosi); South Sea Island Magic (Tomerlin-Long).

6.21 (a) Sympathy; (b) Glimina Mia; (c) One day when we were young; (d) Il Bacio.

6.25 Records: You're The Top (Porter); I Get A Kick Out Of You (from 'Anything Goes'); Anna (from 'Wings'); Marlow (Vocal Duets with Orchestra); Joy Dance (Kirby) with Orchestra.

6.44 (a) I let a Song go out of my heart; (b) Miss Annabella Brown; (c) That Foolish Feeling; (d) Rose Room.

7.0 Closing local Stock Quotations. 7.02 Fifty Minutes of Variety with Sandy Powell, Patricia Rossborough, Josephine Baker, London Piano-Accordion Band and Others.

7.50 Studio—An appeal by Mrs. Dunbar for the proposed Women's International Hotel in Hongkong.

8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 The BBC Symphony Orchestra.

Overture "Alceste" (Gluck); Overture "La Scala Di Setti" (Rossini); Crown Imperial (A Coronation March—1937—Waltton).

8.25 Next week's programme.

8.30 Studio—Concert by Ettore Pellegatti ('Cello) and Harry Ore (Piano).

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9.0 London Relay—Under Big Ben.

By Howard Marshall.

9.15 London Relay—The News.

9.30 London Relay—More Food for Thought.

Short talks on matters of topical interest.

9.45 London Relay—Sports News and Market Notes.

9.50 Leoncavallo's 'I Pagliacci'.

Iva Pacetti (Soprano), B. Gigli (Tenor), G. Nesi (Tenor), M. Busioli (Baritone), L. Paci (Baritone), A. Borgli (Bass) and Members of La Scala Orchestra and Chorus, Milan, conducted by Franco Ghione.

11.0 Close down.

Accordeon-Band—Au Revoir (Gibbert); A Waltz Was Born In Vienna (Crooker-Loewe) . . . London Piano-Accordeon Band under the direction of Scott Wood with Vocal Chorus.

Piano, Medley—Intro: No Regrets; Laughing Irish Eyes; A Fine Romance; Serenade in the Night; Take my Heart . . . Patricia Rossborough.

Vocal—Afraid To Dream (film 'You Can't Have Everything'); The Love-liness Of You (film 'You Can't Have Everything') . . . Josephine Baker.

Calling Me Home (Wilfred); I Have Lost My Heart In Budapest (Puszta) . . . London Piano-Accordeon Band under the direction of Scott Wood with Vocal Chorus.

Comedy Sketch—Sandy And Family At Blackpool (Powell) . . . Sandy Powell & Co.

Dance Orchestra—Gershwin's Fox-Trot (Medley)—Slow Tempo. Intro: Oh Lady Be Good; 'S Wonderful; Look-ing for a Boy . . . Harry Roy's Tiger-Ragamuffins on two pianos with string bass and drums.

Banjo—Medley; Intro: Is it true what they say about Dixie? When a Gentleman down

Lady meets . . . Sing, Baby, Sing; San Francisco; Down South . . . Tarrant Bailey with Orch.; Piano—A Cavalcade Of Martial Tunes; Intro: There's something about a soldier; The King's Horses; When the Guards are on Parade; When a Soldier's on Sweetheart Joe; The Candy Man (Croom-Johnson) . . . Patricia Rossborough; Xylophone—Rio De Janeiro (de Gredos) . . . Rudy Starlin with Orchestra.

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Assassination Attempt Fails

Massacre Of Hankow Puppets Attempted

HANKOW, Apr. 14.

AN UNKNOWN Chinese threw a bomb into the Japanese gendarmerie branch office for the second district of the Chinese city, while a photograph of Chinese and Japanese officials was being taken at 10.40 a.m. yesterday.

A Japanese report states that only two Chinese were wounded, of whom one was the photographer.

The perpetrator of the outrage escaped.—Reuter.

St. Louis Faces Deficit

St. Louis.

City officials expect a deficit exceeding \$3,000,000 at the close of the municipal fiscal period April 10. Five bills each designed to produce revenue to augment declining real estate tax receipts have been introduced, but aidmen, with an eye on next month's municipal elections, have not pressed for their passage.

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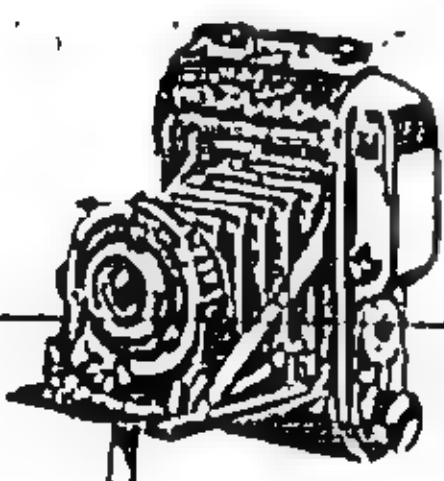
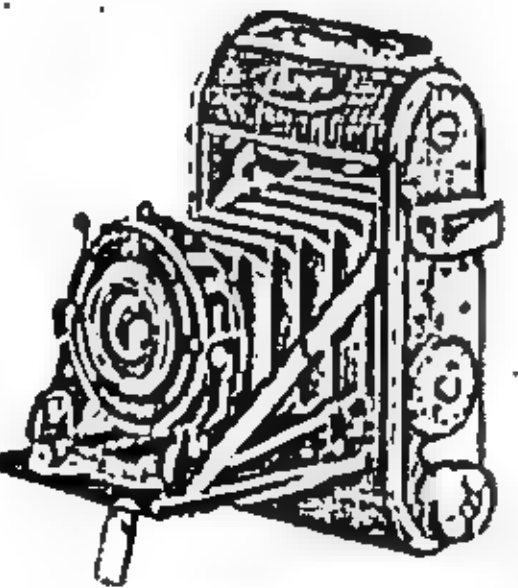
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MARRIAGE

SYMONS—TOD. On 12th April, 1939, at St. John's Cathedral, Hong Kong, Lieutenant John William Douglas Symons, R.A., only son of the late Captain J. H. Symons and Mrs. J. F. H. Usher, of Toronto, Canada, to Margaret Elfrida, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Tod, of Hong Kong.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

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April 14, 1939

Gathering The News

ONE disturbing fact has emerged from the crises of the past six months. That is the apparent blindness of the British Foreign Office to what was impending.

The Foreign Minister, Lord Halifax, could not have chosen a more inopportune moment, from his point of view, in which to castigate news agencies and the correspondents of London newspapers who told readers that Hitler would march into Czechoslovakia on March 15.

Lord Halifax announced on March 11—his announcement was carried in Hongkong by "Reuters"—that the international outlook had distinctly improved and that newspapers were blue-untill the bolt came. And no Department was seemingly more astonished than the Foreign Office.

The newspapers reported a week beforehand that the next move would be in Memel. Their announcement was deplored as unofficial speculation. But they were right.

The newspapers gave warning four days beforehand that Italy would march into Albania. Here in Hongkong, we received protests for publishing such speculation. But the news agencies which supplied us with the news knew more, apparently, than the British Government, which, as Mr. Chamberlain admitted last night, relied on assurances to the contrary by Count Ciano.

Lord Halifax was undoubtedly right when he said that newspapers have a heavy responsibility. But newspapers, especially those separated from events as far as we in Hongkong are, have learned that more credence can be placed on reports emanating from news agencies and especially American news agencies, than from the spokesmen of the British Government.

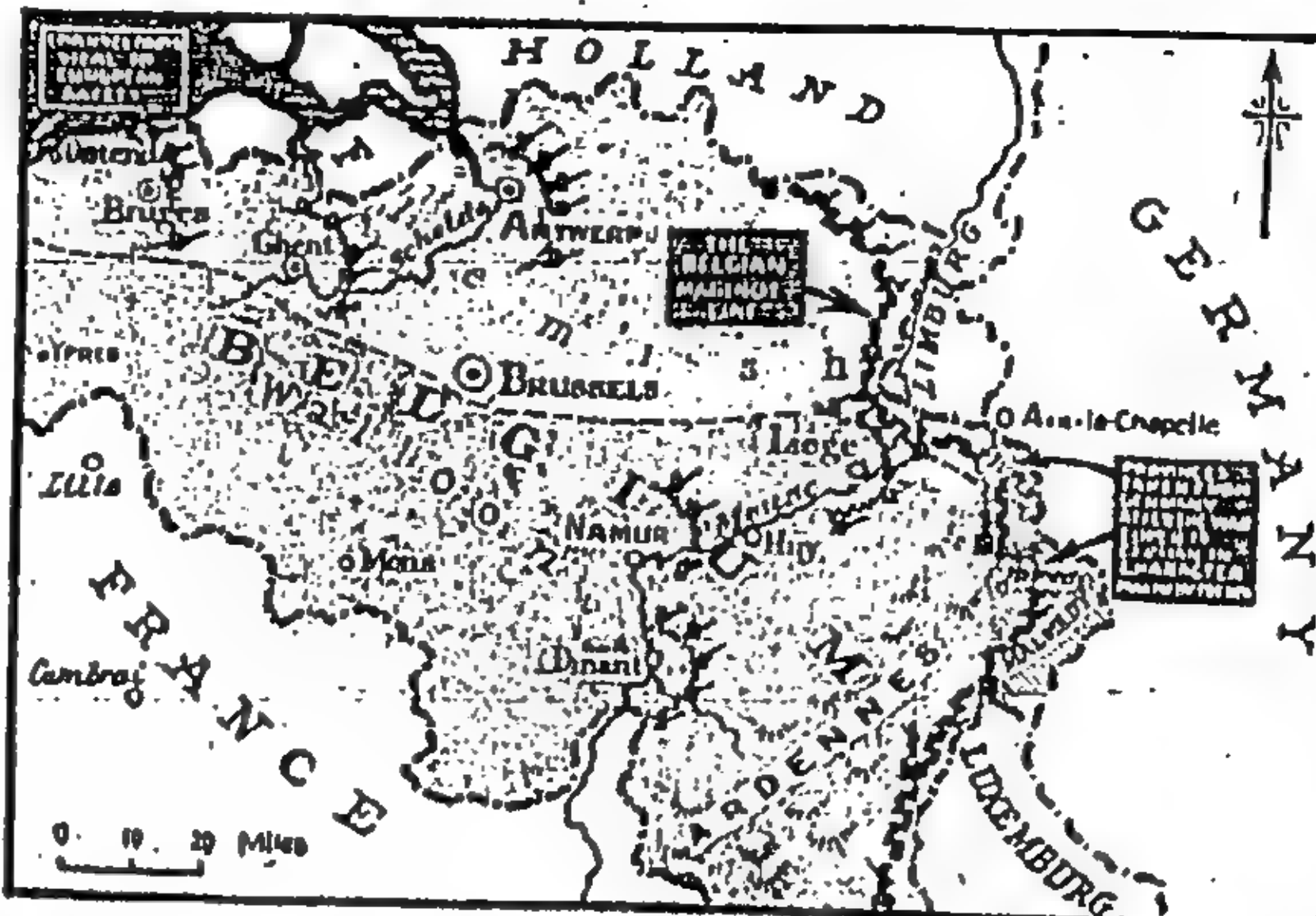
The responsibility of a newspaper to publish only official, or officially inspired, reports of international developments surely ends when, as has happened time and again, they discover that those sources of information do not represent what is happening.

The British Secret Service spends something like £500,000 per annum in ferreting out the secrets of other countries. Doubtless, the information supplied to the British Government is illuminating. If it is on a par with the official representations that have been made for public consumption through the Press, it is also inaccurate.

Fortunately, modern newspapers and news agencies spend equally or even more lavishly for their information on the same subject. That has been one of the secrets of their success in the past six months.

We do not believe we would serve the interests of our readers were we to voluntarily censor or "tone down" the reports we receive from News Agencies, excepting, of course, from those agencies who are frankly nationally propagandist. If the British Government attaches so much weight to the speculations and forecasts of its Secret Service that it appropriates, without question, over half a million pounds for the continuance of this service, we are equally justified in attaching weight

Belgium has a new Government after six weeks of wrangling and crisis. Why has there been so much fuss about the political situation in this tiny Kingdom? Surely they've had elections before and anyway, it's purely a question for Belgians, isn't it?

THE TWO "RACES"
IN BELGIUM

EUROPE'S statesmen keenly watched the electoral crisis in little Belgium.

First, Foreign Minister Georges Bonnet watched on behalf of France; and you may as well know that Bonnet is not highly thought of in Belgium.

However, France was concerned, because ever since King Leopold started the neutrality movement in 1936, Belgium has passed out of the sphere of French influence.

France did not believe that the neutrality plan worked both ways until the September crisis, when the Belgians, prepared to defend their neutrality, rushed troops to the French as well as to the German frontier.

I can now tell you that to the French frontier the Belgians sent 150,000 men, roughly half the number they mobilised.

They meant business, too, blew up houses to get proper sights for their artillery. This was denied in the Belgian Chamber. One night I had them blown up.

A twist in this election may have altered that attitude, so M. Bonnet watched.

HELPED THE GERMANS

GERMANY was interested, too, for out of this struggle, they hoped, would emerge a stronger, more violent autonomist movement among the Flemish, one of the two races that go to make up Belgium. But they were disappointed for the pro-Germans were routed.

The Flemish are Teutonic, like the Germans, and the Germans, bitten with race theories, imagined that they could expect more from the Flemish than from the present mixture which includes the Walloons who are French in language, culture, and sentiment.

The Germans thought back to the war, when extremist Flemings helped the Germans as did Dr. Martens, whose nomination for the Flemish Academy of Medicine, approved by the King and his Cabinet, caused the row in Belgium.

The Germans note, however, that the Belgians have built

to the speculative comments of the correspondents of news agencies in the various capitals of Europe.

It is no idle boast to say that they have greater facilities for gathering accurate information than have diplomatic officials or secret service agents; they have certainly proven during the past six months, that either the British Secret Service has been singularly mis-informed or the British Foreign Office is releasing information to the Press with its tongue in its cheek.

If the British Foreign Office is as ill-informed as recent happenings would have us believe, the country is badly served by its representatives in the capitals of Europe. For big events to burst without any warning or premonition, except that supplied by the newspapers (and denied officially as "scurrilous speculation") must be bad for national stability and a danger to Britain's security.

It would be senseless to tell ourselves into a sense of false optimism simply because "political circles" or "diplomatic circles"—favourite terms employed to hide the fact that the information is from official or semi-official sources—say that the air is clearing.

Do not delude yourselves into believing that conditions in Europe are such that the world can afford to relax, until the people who make it their business to find out—the news correspondents—tell you so.

a Maginot Line on their frontier, though not on the French.

BRITAIN WATCHED

WORTH noting, too, is the fact that the mass of Flemings fought for Belgian integrity from the first days of 1914 to the end.

Britain watched because the Channel ports on the Belgian littoral have been from early days, and still are, vital to the safety of this country.

All the nations watched because a country without a stable Government for more than a month in Europe is a temptation to any nation looking for an easy victim.

IMPROVE THE NAVY "CUT"

says PHIPPS

NOT the least gratifying symptom of our Re-armament drive has been the emergence of a sleeker, more stream-lined Mr. Atkins.

For a year or so now the War Office's battery of designers and courtiers has been working tirelessly on Mr. Atkins' uniform. Countless experimental ensembles have been run up, and as quickly run down again. Military mannequins have endured thousands of pin-pricks in the scope of their employment, while one costume after another was rejected as being too bouffant, too insouciant or just the wrong bit too demure for active service.

Now at long last the Maison Bellin is ready with its Spring Collection, and the new models will be issued to the excited soldiery in the very near future.

YOU have probably seen photographs of the new Mark Something or other two-piece—

which between ourselves is to be called "Moonflower." And we think you will agree with us that it is utterly, utterly elegant, with its eucalyptus and neatly gusseted pockets for maps and field dressings.

But pondering Beau Atkins of 1939 a sudden pang assailed us. With all this fuss about the re-upholstered Land Forces, everybody seems to have forgotten the Senior Service. What do the allent watchdogs of the seas, the heirs of Drake and Nelson, feel about it all?

Tradition, admittedly, insists that sailors don't care; but in his case they'd be superfluous if they didn't feel just the tiniest bit hurt, as they roll about in the same old spinnaker trousers and art-striped collaring.

The Navy, we know, is being made steadily more comfortable. Cutlino is constantly being revised and im-

PEACE in the
MEDITERRANEAN

Says

SIR CHAS. HARRINGTON
EX-GOVERNOR OF GIBRALTAR

MANY people think Gibraltar is an island with a rock on it, but it isn't—it is a little bit of Spain which has belonged to England for very many years, since 1704, and in my opinion will belong to England for many more.

We in Gibraltar were totally unprepared at the time of the crisis last September. It is difficult to know what the effect on Gibraltar would have been had a conflict arisen.

The French had certainly massed a large force on the Spanish Moroccan border and might quite likely have taken Ceuta and Tetuan. In fact, at that time General Franco was bringing troops back from Spain hurriedly to Spanish Morocco.

My information, for what it was worth, was that General Franco had wished to be neutral, but that Herr Hitler had told him he could be but that he would use his bombers from Spanish aerodromes, and I think it quite likely that if the French had jumped Ceuta he would have retaliated and, perhaps naturally, on Gibraltar.

I had only four anti-aircraft guns—two at each end of the Rock!

I am told, that things are very different now. With unlimited money, which Sir Alexander Godley (the former Governor) and I did not have, and on my return, things are improving, and Gibraltar daily grows stronger.

I am always interested when I read of all General Franco's guns which threaten Gibraltar and of all those heavy 12in. howitzers at Palmyra, near Algiers. To my certain knowledge there were never more than four of these great howitzers, and to my certain knowledge they had all been removed over a month before I left Gibraltar (last October): two to the Ebro front and two to Cadiz.

Two years before the crisis I had asked for gas masks, and was told that I could expect none before 1939. The Navy and Army had some, but the Colonial Service and civilians not one, and on my return to England at the end of October I passed an outgoing liner with the first gas mask!

Our relations with the Germans at Gibraltar were very interesting.

Quite recently—in fact, directly after the crisis in September and while our own Fleet was still mobilised—I received information that the German pocket battleship Deutschland wished to pay a visit of courtesy.

I entertained the captain and officers to lunch.

H.M.S. "Wasp" was in at the same time, and the liaison between the two ships was remarkable. The streets were full of our sailors and their—arm in arm; 85 per cent of the German Navy speak English.

The cafes and cinemas were full of their sailors and ours. It was a wonderful sight, and, as I told His Majesty on my return, it was a great pity those sailors could not be sent together round all the capitals of Europe.

Our sailors won't fraternise with any other nation, but they have a great respect for the German sailor, and as the Germans themselves say—they get the pick of their nation into their Navy.

NO HOSTILITY

AS regards General Franco's attitude towards Great Britain—not for one moment do I believe that any Franco gun or howitzer was installed with any hostile intention, as regards Gibraltar.

I hold no brief for General Franco, but I am quite prepared to say that all the territory which I knew of which was administered by him was better administered than it was before.

I think he will install law and order in the country. For how long, it is impossible to say.

I have no doubt that the various factions, Falangists, Reguistas, Monarchists, and so on, who have held together on his side will all demand their pound of flesh.

With the end of the war his troubles do not end. Far from it.

I doubt whether the Government has a man at all who could lead it.

I am quite convinced of this, and have been for more than two years; that General Franco will not keep either German or Italian troops one moment longer than is necessary. He is sick to death of both.

He may keep a certain number of German instructors for a short while.

I have never for a moment even thought that he has ever intended to be dominated by German and Italian Forces. Concessions, yes; both those nations are bound to get concessions. Before I left, my business houses becoming available in Seville and Malaga were being snapped up by Germans.

"HE WILL TURN TO US"

I REALISE the danger of that influence, but that Spain under Franco is just going to be dictated to by either Herr Hitler or Signor Mussolini I just don't believe and never have.

I quite realise the danger to us if such an event ever did take place, and I fully recognise what a difficult role our own Government has had throughout, and I think in the end it is quite likely that General Franco, or Spain, will be thankful to us for having kept out of it.

As things look at present it seems to me that the sooner the German and Italian troops are removed the better for the future of Spain and of every one. I think he will install an effective machinery, but how long will be able to hold the country one cannot say.

I am firmly of opinion that whatever Franco may think of the British attitude and the hostility to the grant of belligerent rights and so on, when once the war is over, the one Power to whom he will turn for friendship, and possibly money, will be our England. We should then see Gibraltar and the Western Mediterranean back to normal.



"BUT I prefer it starched, Admiral... it keeps my neck warm."

locker and a not more than half-cocked hat in lieu of the usual.

All the ceremonial gilt would have to go, of course—the epaulettes becoming flash-fitting, oxidised hooks by which the Admiral, in these days of mechanisation, could be slung about from davits, derricks and so on.

It might be a wrench, perhaps, to say good-bye to the full-dress sword. But, as in the modernising of Messrs. Atkins, so it should be with the sea-dog; utility before beauty. The site formerly occupied by the sword might be devoted to a neatly rolled rubber raft—labeled, naturally, "Admiral or 6 ratings."

The above modifications could be carried right down the scale of officers, with certain variations in detail. Paymaster-Commanders, for instance, would have a large cash-register and delivery chute incorporated in the trouser leg; while Surgeon-Commanders' uniform must include a self-compensating stethoscope rack.

COMING down to the A.B.s., the problem is a little more difficult. One alteration we'd be tempted to make, however, would be to remove the name of the ship from the sailors' hats. It gives the girls their address right at the start.

Again, the existing trousers are manifestly too wide. Alas, they admit gales from every point of the compass, and ashore they are apt to trip up the excessively Jolly Tar on the stairs which, for a man with a wife in every port is highly inconvenient. We should substitute a pair of ski-ing pants, closing neatly at the ankle, but zipping up for horn-pieces when required.

Oh, yes, one last thing: slide-action, collapsible, counter-runk parrot cage under the left arm—and don't tell the Marines.

Chinese Hit Back and Make Big Progress On All War Fronts

Shansi Counter-Offensive: Activity Near Canton

THE CHINESE FORCES are inflicting smashing blows on the Japanese in a counter-offensive in Shansi, according to latest reports, and at the same time the Chinese threat to Tsengshing, 25 miles north of Canton is becoming more and more serious to the Japanese.

Meanwhile, Kaifeng is said to be held by the Chinese, whose retention of the Honan capital has been accompanied by bitter and sanguinary fighting.

The following reports from "Central News" indicate the latest position in the war zones in China.

Shansi Offensive

SIAN, Apr. 14.
BLOW after blow has been inflicted upon the Japanese in the Chinese general counter-offensive in Shansi province, military despatches reaching here indicate.

In south Shansi, the Chinese smashed into Ishihara and inflicted some 300 casualties on the Japanese during ferocious street combats. Japanese units rushing to the rescue of their comrades at Ishihara from Anyi were beaten back by a Chinese detachment in an ambush at the village northeast of Anyi. Four Japanese motor lorries were disabled and some 30 cases of ammunition seized by the Chinese.

Tungtashwang, an important point southeast of Chiehshien, southwest of Anyi, has been recaptured by the Chinese, who are now exerting great pressure on the Japanese at Chiehshien.

A Japanese combined unit of about 300 infantry and cavalry men from Yushan, southwest of Chiehshien, encountered a strong column of Chinese guerrillas on Wednesday and was badly beaten following a pitched battle lasting several hours.

In southeast Shansi, fighting is centred in a semi-circle which follows the Taihang Mountain range.

PIERCE DRIVE REPULSED.
At the southern end of the line, the Chinese have repulsed a force drive on areas south of Tsinchong launched by Japanese units from Po Ai in northern Honan.

At Hoshun at the north end of the semi-circle, more than 1,000 Japanese have been concentrated for an imminent drive westward.

In the middle of the semi-circle, fighting is still centred east of Kiehshien. The Japanese there are feverishly strengthening their defence works.

Japanese warplanes have been active in southeast Shansi supporting their land units. Tsinchong, Changtse, Siangyuan, Liaohien and other important towns have been successively bombed during the past few days.

The Chinese counter-attack on Fowshan, southeast of Linfen, has reaped successful results. Part of the Chinese are reported to have penetrated into the north city and are engaging the Japanese in street fighting.

The Japanese pushing westward from Heliungkuang, northwest of Linfen, have been defeated by the Chinese in a sanguinary battle.

In north Shansi, Wuhsai, which fell to the Japanese recently, is reported to have been re-occupied by the Chinese following a series of counter-attacks yesterday. The Japanese retreated towards Shenchih in the northeast.

In western Shansi, the Chinese have retaken Huchia near Lashih, while Chungyang is in the danger of being surrounded by the Chinese as the Japanese pill-boxes and block-houses near the north gate and an important height east of the town have all been captured by the Chinese. The Japanese are said to have lost some 300 soldiers in the fighting along this line.

Steel Ring Around Tsengshing

YUNGYUN, Kwangtung, Apr. 14.

THE Chinese steel ring around Tsengshing, 25 miles northeast of Canton, and 30 miles northwest of Waichow, is tightening. According to a telephone message from the field headquarters, four Chinese columns are steadily pressing on the city from the east, west, north and south. Many strategic points around the city have been recaptured.

Yesterday evening one Chinese column advanced right below the city walls. It withdrew in the face of intense Japanese fire.

Japanese reinforcements rushed from Canton and Shektan are intercepted by the Chinese on the Canton-Tsengshing and Shektan-Tsengshing highways. Both of which have been severely damaged by the Chinese. Fighting on the Shektan-Tsengshing highway is particularly fierce.

The bridge east of Tsengshing has

been re-occupied by the Chinese.

With the intention of disturbing the Japanese rear Chinese guerrillas are reported to have reached White Cloud Hill, Lungganung, Wengpo, Lokongtung and other points in the Canton suburbs. Telegraph wires have been torn down.

BITTER FIGHTING NEAR CANTON.
Bitter fighting continues at Fung-chung and Kiu-yiu, about 15 miles northwest of Canton. About 100 Japanese have been slain and a number of Japanese machine-guns and rifles have been seized by the Chinese.

In the Kongmoon-Sunwul sector the Chinese are pushing toward Sunwul in a new counter-drive.

According to reports just received, Japanese had a brief occupation of Po On islet city on Tuesday. It is said that about 300 Japanese in a number of steam boats landed at Siawan, northwest of Po On, and broke into the city. The Chinese troops who withdrew in the face of intense Japanese fire counter-attacked later with the aid of reinforcements.

Fighting raged until evening when the Japanese were repulsed and retired to their warships anchored off the coast.

Central Hupeh Battles

ICHANG, Apr. 14.
EMBITTERED struggles continue around Chungsiang and Yangtzechen. Chinese strongholds in central Hupeh.

Topowan, on the Han River about 104 miles above Hankow and about 46 miles south of Chungsiang, has reverted to the Chinese. During fighting there many Japanese tanks were damaged by Chinese fire.

The Japanese line at Kiulow, 25 miles south of Chungsiang, is reported to be wavering as a result of days of fierce Chinese assaults.

In northeast Hupeh the Chinese are closing in on Yingshan, 90 miles northwest of Hankow.

Northern Hunan Activity

KWEILIN, Apr. 14.
Presaging renewed large-scale fighting in north Hunan, extensive Japanese troop movements have been noticed there, says a report from the Hunan front.

About 1,000 Japanese infantrymen, 3,000 Manchukuo infantrymen, 400 cavalrymen, 200 army lorries, 1,000 army mules, and 400 steam boats are reported to have arrived in Yoyang on the Canton-Hankow Railway. A large quantity of military supplies has also been shipped there.

Honan Fighting

TSOAYANG, Honan, Apr. 14.
SPORADIC fighting has been taking place around Sinyang on the Peiping-Hankow Railway in south Honan.

A Japanese column of about 1,000 men moving away from Sinyang was attacked by the Chinese on Wednesday. Fifty Japanese were killed.

Skirmishes also took place at points northwest of Sinyang.

Japanese foraging parties were subjected to encircling attacks in the hilly suburbs of Wuan, in the northern tip of Honan. They fled back into Wuan city after suffering heavy casualties.—Central News.

KAIFENG HELD BY CHINESE.
LOYANG, Apr. 14.
IN A fierce counter-offensive, Chinese forces which retired from Kaifeng, capital of Honan province, to avoid Japanese encirclement on Tuesday, again smashed into the city on Wednesday, according to reports just to hand.

Close-quarter street fighting took place in the city, resulting in heavy Japanese casualties.

Important Japanese buildings and Japanese ammunition depots were wrecked and burned.

The main body of the Chinese forces is reported to be pushing eastward from Kaifeng.—Central News.

Battle In Full Swing.
Peiping, Apr. 13.
The battle for Kaifeng was still in full swing this morning, with the

Chinese bringing up reinforcements, according to Japanese official despatches.

The Chinese forces, fully equipped, are fighting stubbornly in the southern outskirts of Kaifeng, according to these reports, and the battle is increasing in its fierceness as it enters its fourth day to-day.

It is admitted in Japanese despatches that the attackers succeeded in capturing the railway station, which is situated at the southern wall of the city, from the pro-Japanese Chinese gendarmes, and that the Chinese have occupied the Kaifeng aerodrome.

The Japanese authorities state they are still unable to confirm or deny the killing of six members of the Putsch Commission at Kaifeng, but independent and reliable Chinese sources state that it is fully confirmed that at least four members were killed.—Reuter.

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12.0-12.20 p.m. Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.

12.30 Song by Caruso (Tenor). Farewell, dear Mother (Cavalleria Rusticana—Mascagni) ... with Symphony Orchestra.

12.35 Beethoven—Sonata in F Minor, Op. 57 ("Appassionata"). Rudolf Serkin (Piano). 1.0 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 B.B.C. Recording—"A Northern Evening From Burlesque". Arranged by T. Thompson.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements. 1.40 A Dance Programme.

Fox-Trot—Must See Annie Townright and His Orchestra with Lawrence and His Landsdowne Orchestra with Vocal Chorus. Fox-Trot—A Pretty Girl is Like a Melody (film "The Great Ziegfeld").

Roy Fox and His Orchestra with Vocal Refrain by Denny Dennis. Quicksteps—Lookin' Around Corners For You (film "Head Over Heels"). Love And Learn (film "That Girl From Paris").

Sidney Torgue (Organ). Tangos—Madame, You're Lovely; Spider Of The Night. Mantovani and His Tipica Orchestra. Fox-Trot—Saddle Your Blues To A Wild Mustang; Please Believe Me.

Roy Fox and His Orchestra with Vocal Refrain. Blues—Chase The Blues Away; Fox-Trot—May Be Wrong ... Chick Webb and His Orch. 2.15 Close down.

The Way They Have In The Navy

Nice.
During the night of March 20 last year, A. B. Arnold, of H.M. submarine Salmon, was struck in a Nice street by a taxi-driver, after a misunderstanding about a fare.

Arnold recovered and returned to his ship. H.M.S. Salmon came here again recently, exactly a year after, and Arnold entertained the taxi-driver and his family at tea.

Arnold refused the 10,000 francs awarded him as damages for the injury.

The Hammersmith Bridge Explosions

Court Hears Thrilling Story Of Man's Bravery

LONDON, Apr. 13.
WILLIAM BROWNE and Edward J. Connell were committed for trial at Bow Street court to-day in connection with the bombing of Hammersmith Bridge.

Both reserved their defence, and did not question any of the Crown witnesses.

The magistrate and prosecuting counsel warmly praised the "courage, coolness and presence of mind" of a hairdresser, Maurice Childs.

Childs described graphically how the bridge was crossing the river, and he saw a shower of sparks falling from the suspension chain. He found a suitcase lying on the chain. He pulled the lock and saw smoke issuing from the suitcase. He closed the case, climbed through the chains onto the footpath of the bridge, and threw the case into the river.



MADAME CHIANG

YUNNAN CITY IS BOMBED

KUNMING, April 14.
MENGTSH, important city on the Yunnan Railway in south Yunnan, was severely raided by 19 Japanese planes, in two groups of 15 and 4 machines each, yesterday afternoon.

A high civilian toll was taken by the raiders, according to meagre reports to hand.

Huge fires were caused inside the city and raged till late last night. Bombs were indiscriminately rained inside and outside of the city by the raiders which were chased away by Chinese pursuits.—Central News.

New Transport Co. Project In N. China

Mukden, Apr. 14.
Designed to exercise a unified management of the transport industries in North China, the gigantic North China Communications Company will formally be established with a capital of Yen 300,000,000 on April 17 at Peking.

Mr. Kanji Usami, former director of the South Manchuria Railway Company, will be appointed President of the Company. The board of directors will include representatives of the Provisional Government, the North Manchuria Railway Company and the Japanese Ministry of Railways.

Of the estimated capital, Yen 150,000,000 will be invested by the North China Development Company, Yen 20,000,000 by the South Manchuria Railway Company, and Yen 30,000,000 by the Provisional Government.—Domei.

SUBMARINE TUNNEL

To Link Shimonoseki And Moji, in Japan

Shimonoseki, Apr. 13.
An epoch-making engineering project in the history of railway construction is nearing completion as the submarine tunnel to link Shimonoseki at the western end of the main island, with Moji at the northern tip of Kyushu will be opened on April 20, following two years of hazardous operations through the seabed.

Remarkable progress has been made during the past months in the two-year-old submarine construction and on April 12 there were only 80 metres yet to be pushed through. Two metres in diameter, will form the basis on which the main two-storied submarine corridor will be constructed to accommodate trains and other means of transport.—Domei.

Madame Chiang Speaks In H.K.

Appeal To Women

MADAME Chiang Kai-shek who arrived here from Chungking recently for medical treatment, called a joint meeting of the staffs of the Hongkong Chinese Women's Soldiers' Comfort Association and the Society for the Protection of Children yesterday.

The meeting was the first public function that Madame Chiang attended since her arrival in the Colony two weeks ago.

In her address Madame Chiang expressed her great appreciation of the work done by the two institutions for the country since their establishment, and encouraged the workers to continue their patriotic activities and social welfare with increasing vigour.

Madame Chiang reassured the leaders of the societies that China would undoubtedly emerge the final victor of the war of resistance against the Japanese invasion. If every member of the nation faithfully took his or her part in the bitter struggle for the existence of the nation.

CHUNGKING ENTHUSIASM.
Stressing the importance of the part taken by the fair sex of the nation in attaining this goal, Madame Chiang revealed that the morale and patriotic activities among the women in Chungking were excellent. The total sum contributed recently to the war chest in Chungking during the celebration of the fifth anniversary of the New Life Movement according to Madame Chiang, was \$2,500,000. It was \$2,000,000 more than had been expected by Generalissimo and Madame Chiang, who founded the movement.

A great success in Chungking was attributed by Madame Chiang to the unanimous participation by the daughters of the wartime capital in the offer-gold-movement.

In concluding her address Madame Chiang emphatically appealed to China's sons and daughters in Hongkong to make more efforts in supporting the fatherland in the war against aggression.

During the meeting which lasted two hours, detailed reports of the activities of the two relief organs were thoroughly discussed, with many valuable hints being given by Madame Chiang.

Stock Market Is Quiet

London, Apr. 13.
The London Stock Exchange was very quiet to-day, this condition prevailing throughout the session, pending Mr. Chamberlain's statement in the House of Commons.

However, the undertone was steady, particularly among heavy industries which benefited from the very satisfactory steel production.

The Prime Minister's statement had very little effect upon the markets, but gilt-edged holdings rallied slightly, closing above the lowest. Among commodities, cocoa eased on liquidation, and in the absence of interest by manufacturers, although it closed steadier on covering.

Cotton, despite various adverse factors on the American market, strengthened on scarcity of contracts. Wall Street was irregular.—Reuter Special.

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Spelling Bee

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wrecked usquibough
utterance

English Oxford Dictionary spelling of these words will be found on page 5.



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NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller

Hui Becomes Triple Badminton Champion

For Second Time Shows Brilliant Form In Singles Tussle With Charlie Au

(By "The Bird")

P. K. Hui of the University became triple badminton champion of Hongkong for the second successive year last night, when he won both the men's singles and doubles finals to add to the mixed doubles laurels secured the previous evening. These successes are undeniable confirmation of his status as the Colony's leading exponent of the game.

For about two minutes of the first game against Au in the single tie, Hui was worried. He could not draw away from the tenacious Au, and it was pretty clear that whoever did get a lead after the first few minutes would have to win the game.

I think Hui recognised this, for the exchanges had been so tight that services passed a number of times without addition to the score. But he made his biggest effort at this stage. Au recoiled and the champion went out at 15-8.

Hui was not slow in following up this advantage, and in the second game he obtained a decided margin over his opponent, forcing Au into errors, and rarely failing to whip out a winning shot when opportunity occurred.

Hui's genius was fully revealed in this match, for Au by no means played badly. But the challenger did not seem able to sustain his efforts, and in both games fell away once the halfway stage was reached.

FAST AND SPECTACULAR
Both men manoeuvred cunningly, shortening and lengthening shots with bewildering rapidity, and the match was as fast and spectacular as any seen in the local championships. Hui's greatest advantage was a wonderful clearance shot which never failed him. Even when he was hastily retreating to his own baseline, Hui was able to use his clearance to the best possible advantage, aiming and finding the backhand baseline corner with unfailing accuracy.

It was his splendid length which prevented Au from making the usual quota of "kills", whereas Au often lobbed but half-court, for Hui to smash with unreturnable fury. Hui was also the more accurate in the short game, angling so well and with such delayed action that Au was more than once caught moving in the wrong direction. But the loser also had his brilliant moments at the net, and certainly was not blessed with any luck.

CHAMPIONS RETAIN TITLE

The doubles encounter was as sparkling as the rarest champagne. Hui, after a rest and a shower, appeared to be just as fresh as the other three players, and he certainly played a notable part in the result. He and Y. L. Yung, the holders, finally beat P. S. Bun and M. S. Lim, another Varsity pair 15-10, 18-13, but they had lots of anxious moments before it was accomplished, and many thought that the losers were going to force the issue to the third game.

Bun was the man of the match, employing some magnificent shots, in particular a cross-court drive-smash

which scored time and again with the opposition caught in two minds; his anticipation and interception were also clever and effective, often being the means of terminating a long rally with an unanswerable "kill".

He and Lim worked well together and it seemed that only want of match experience denied them at least one game. Lim scored heavily with smashes down the middle of the court, but his service was too stereotyped, and Hui quickly worked out how to kill it.

HUI TIRES
Hui himself made several mistakes which normally would not come from his racket, and which obviously were the outcome of his tiring singles match, but it was Yung who made the most errors, and by some curious trick of chance, they occurred from his shot game, which is usually the strongest feature of Yung's play. He constantly netted drop shots and blundered in half a dozen inter-ceptions. But he made amends from the rear of the court, from where he cleared, drove and smashed with rare discernment and accuracy.

The losers made a valiant effort in the second set when they crept up to 13-11, but after the game had been "iced," service was lost immediately, and the champions won the next five points and the match on their two "hands."

The exchanges were tremendously fast and at times all four players were smashing and picking up, providing one of the most spectacular displays ever to grace the championships.

Splendid Race In Hongham H'cap

(Continued from Page 8.)

Jockey threw in the towel. At this juncture the stable companion, Moonlight View, took up the gauntlet and he was pursued by Rob Roy, Mr. Encarnano brought Rob Roy on the outside berth with a great run and the combination certainly shot forward in a most remarkable way. It was a grand sight, for all the three jockeys were hard at work on their chargers, but in the last hundred yards from home, Conquering Time was a beaten pony and it was left to Moonlight View and Rob Roy to fight the issue out. Down the straight they came, neck to neck and then head to head, racing together and there was terrific excitement when they crossed the wire almost together. After a few minutes of deliberation the verdict of a short head was awarded to Moonlight View and it was certainly a close shave. A length and a half separated Conquering Time. The mile was run in 1:57.4 and incidentally the second section was won by Galaxy in same time.



In Walter Wanger's new production, "Trade Winds," it is Fredric March's exciting but hectic job to chase Joan Bennett around the world. Ann Southern and Ralph Bellamy go along for a couple of reasons and the quartette fall heir to a series of exciting situations. The picture is now showing at the King's Theatre.

Starting Times Announced Golf At Fanling For Week-End

The following are the starting times at Fanling during the week-end:

SATURDAY	
Old Course	
2.00	F. H. Stokes, F. L. Allen.
2.04	G. H. S. Thompson, J. Forbes.
2.08	W. J. Kelly, W. D. Cooper.
2.12	E. Davidson, C. C. Black.
2.16	J. Owen Hughes, A. K. Mackenzie.
2.20	P. E. Booker, Col. Matthews.
2.24	A. McKellar, J. Linaker.

SUNDAY	
Old Course	
9.04	A. E. Gerondal, A. Webster.
9.10	I. P. Temworth, F. D. Hunter.
9.16	J. P. Morphet, D. G. G. Allen.
9.22	N. L. Evans, T. Low.
9.28	Mr. Murray, C. H. Durlan.
9.34	G. Haynes, J. W. Mayhew.
9.40	R. C. F. MacGregor, M. G. Carruthers.
9.44	A. Sommerfeldt, A. D. Humphreys.
9.48	A. N. & Q. A. MacLennan.
9.52	P. Harrington, G. Riddell-Carr.
9.56	A. M. Mack, F. A. M. Elliott.
10.00	H. C. Margrett, W. Cdr. Steele.

New Course	
9.04	S. H. Dodwell, E. J. Barber.
9.10	F. Groves, J. Stenerson.
9.16	M. Park, A. K. Mackenzie.
9.22	J. P. Pearce, D. G. G. Allen.
9.28	D. J. Valentine, C. W. E. Bishop.
9.34	P. M. Pearson, E. H. Walters.
9.40	T. A. Pearce, E. T. McMillen.
9.46	P. C. Young, W. B. Hillier.
9.52	Brigadier Macdonald, Col. Galloway.
9.58	D. D. Forbes, W. J. McConnell.
10.04	B. J. Lacey, D. Robinson.
10.10	Mrs. Margaret, Mrs. Steele Perkins.
10.16	P. E. Anns, H. D. Cooper.
10.22	H. A. & Mrs. Cluckie.
10.28	Mrs. Valentine, Mrs. Bishop.

W. C. CHOY BEATEN IN FINAL TIE

London, March 19.
Well as the Chinese Davis Cup International, W. C. Choy played in the men's singles final at the Queen's Club Covered Courts Tournament at West Kensington yesterday, he was unable to make, on the fast wood surface of the East Court, much of an impression on the greatly improved L. Shaff, who won by 6-2, 6-4.

The winner served with much power, and whenever he volleyed, no matter whether it was a high or a low one, the ball was struck with a firm hand and supple wrist, and the aim was sure.

On the floor Choy was sound and there was always purpose behind his drive. There was, however, hardly ever the required force to keep such a virile opponent as the enterprising Shaff on the defensive.

On yesterday's form no Englishman would have much chance against a defeating Shaff, who now has controlled speed of stroke and the will to win, and it is obvious that higher honours are in store for him.

Fred Perry Asks Special Favour

New York.
Walter Pate, captain of the U. S. Davis Cup Team, dropped in at the National Indoor Tennis Championships recently and, as usual, was asked what he thought of America's chances of defending the trophy.

"Not bad, not bad at all," said Pate, and went on to elaborate on that theme for several minutes. Finally Fred Perry interrupted.

"Do me a favour, will you, Walter?" said the Briton. "Wear a starched collar to the Challenge Round matches in September."

"Sure, Fred, but why?" asked the puzzled Pate.

"I'd just like to see it wilt," replied Perry.

Indians Play Police R. C. At Lawn Bowls

The following players will represent the Indian R.C. in a friendly bowls match against the Police R.C. on the latter's green to-morrow at 4 p.m.:
D. M. Khan, A. M. Wahab, M. Y. Adal and A. R. Dallah (skip); J. Hoosen, S. O. Bux, A. O. Madar and A. K. Minu (skip); A. H. Rumsjohn, S. M. Rumsjohn, A. Bakar and M. H. Abbas (skip).

K. TONG TEAM

The following will represent Kowloon Tong Garden City Association against Kowloon Football Club in a friendly bowls match to-morrow on the former's green:
C. Mose, J. Tang, J. L. Stephens and A. Spary; A. E. Castro, H. Y. Hsu, Y. Abbas and A. H. Basto; T. M. Gregory, J. N. Wong, V. Atienza and H. Gittins.

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"BISLEY" MEETING CONTINUES

Keen Shooting At Kowloon City

Once again large numbers of competitors took part in the "Bisley" meeting of the Hongkong Rifle Association which entered upon its second stage to-day.

The following were the results of this morning's events:
Deliberate Competition (Class M).
—A. C. Gosh (R.A.F.), 20; 2, A/C Denham (R.A.F.), 20; 3, Pte. Moose (Royal Scots), 19.

Deliberate Competition (Class X).
—1, L/Cpl. Henderson (Royal Scots), 23; 2, Lt. Buchanan (Royal Scots), 23; 3, Pte. Nicol (Royal Scots), Lt. Rowe (R.N.), Spr. Colebrook (R.E.) and P. O. Swan (R.N.), 23 each; 7, L/S Napier (Royal Scots), 22; 8, L/Cpl. Langford (Middlesex), 22; 9, Cpl. Cole (R.N.S.), 22; 10, L/Sgt. Marshall (Royal Scots), 22; 11, Sgt. Matheson (Royal Scots) and Sgt. Kane (Royal Scots), 22 each; 13, Sgt. Steer (Royal Scots), 22; 14, C. S. M. Maslem (R.E.) and E. R. A. O'Shea (R.N.), 21 each; 16, Sgt. Green (Royal Scots), 21; 17, Drm. McIntosh (Middlesex), 21; 18, C/S Penn (H.K.F.), 21; 19, P. S. M. Trinder (Royal Scots), 21; 20, E. R. Shortland (R.N.), and Bdm. Sharrock (Royal Scots), 21 each.

Falling Plate Competition—Winners, "D" Company, Royal Scots; Runners-up, "C" Company, Royal Scots.

Services Team Revolver Championship—1, 2nd Batt. Royal Scots (277); 2, C.M.F. (268).

Unlimited Competition Sweepstakes—1, C. M. S. Hale (Middlesex), 32 (S.R. b).

Unlimited Competition Sweepstakes—1, L/Sgt. Nunn (R.E.), 31 (S.R. a); 2, C. S. M. Maslem (R.E.), 31; 3, L/Cpl. Langford (Middlesex), 30.

Lowest Score—1, L/Cpl. Langford (Middlesex), 11; 2, A. B. Lawton (R.N.), 17; 3, Marine Nicol (R.M.), 17.

Snap Shooting Competition (Result of Shoot-off)—Class M, 1, Spr. Allo (R.E.); 2, L/Cpl. Basto (H.K. Volunteers).

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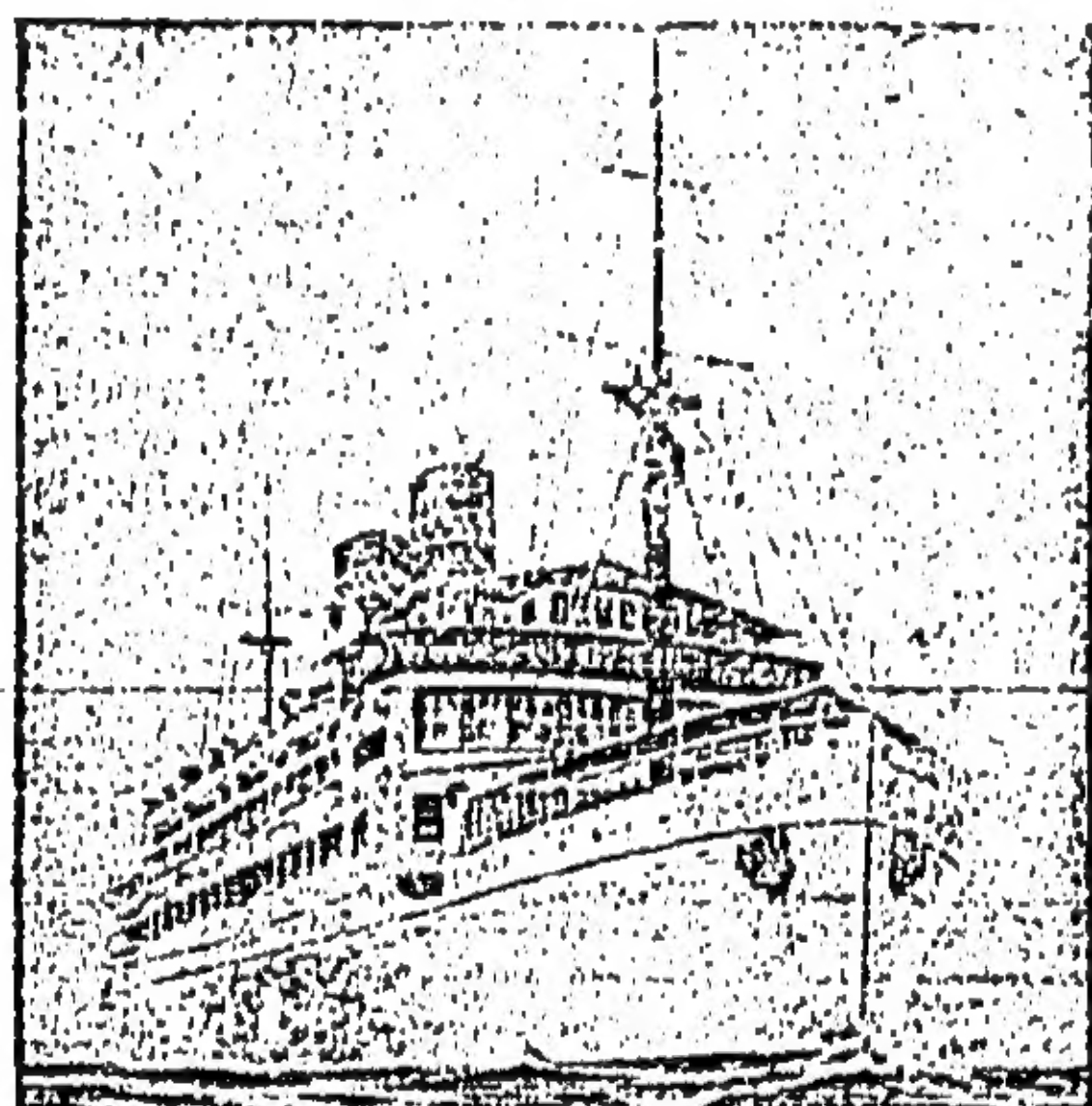
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Beat until stiff, but not dry, 2 egg whites. Add to mixture with 1½ teaspoonful vanilla. Beat well. Add ½ cupful fruit and turn into a mould, or custard glasses. Leave to chill. Garnish with the "rest" of the fruit and serve.

Germany Gets More Beer

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This Princess type nightgown employs a narcissus print in blue, white and green on a flame background. The flounce bottom, scalloped collar and panel front is piped in blue, the fabric, a circular knit rayon.

Saving The Light

WHERE PEOPLE FORGET, MODERN SWITCHES REMEMBER

"HULLO, somebody's left the light

on again!" In our house that is not just a casual family remark; it is a distinct and serious reproach. Current left burning needlessly on the top landing means extra money on the month's consumption, and as for a bed-light that burns while the late renter sleeps, that is the sort of thing that makes father talk of bankruptcy and our visitors blush.

Electricity is, indeed, our latest social problem. How can we be economical with it without seeming ridiculously mean? And how can we burn the minimum of light without harming our eyes and wearing out our nerves?

IN THE LIVINGROOM

We know quite well that we must have a clear light in the living-room, with direct rays shining down on the fireplace circle, so that mother can see to sew and father to read, and that the children can play with their drawing-book without eye-strain and confusing shadow. We know we must have good strong light in the kitchen, in the bathroom, and over all the dressing-tables. There is nothing quite so tiresome as cooking in a poor light unless it is trying to make up your face in gloom.

Our real problem lies in hall and staircase, and deep cupboards. We could, of course, put low power lamps there, but again there is nothing so trying as badly-lit passages, cupboards, and staircases. So we burn 60-watt lamps, and hope that people will remember to switch them off when not required which they seldom ever do.

COOKING HINTS

ROAST pork is more interesting if it is served with slices of oranges instead of apple sauce. The oranges should be cut into thin slices, soaked for half an hour in lemon juice, a little sugar, salt and pepper, and then placed round the joint.

If a roast, or a fowl, is treated in the American fashion, it requires no basting. Smear the meat with a little dripping and then cover with a thin paste made from flour and water. No extra time is required for the cooking.

When ready, the envelope of paste is removed with a knife and the meat underneath is deliciously tender and juicy. When treated in this way, there is practically no shrinkage in the meat and all the goodness is conserved.

Cold roast beef can be warmed so that it tastes as if freshly cooked. The secret is to immerse it in cold water for two or three minutes before placing in the oven.

An ordinary blancmange is sometimes insipid, but not if a teaspoonful of cinnamon is added. This gives a delicious flavour.

Before pouring the dressing over a salad, try the pleasant French trick of sprinkling with white sugar and then with lemon juice.

A strip of lemon peel boiled with old potatoes helps to keep them a good colour. Before frying cut tomatoes, dip the slices in a little vinegar. This helps to retain their shape, and the flavour is greatly improved.

It is depressing. So depressing that we have had an expert in to see what he can do to help, and he has made a number of bright suggestions.

In the hall and staircase we are going to have time-switches. There are small black switches, that you press in instead of clicking up or down. At the foot of the staircase you push in the button and the light burns steadily for three minutes, with the switch coming out again gradually. In the three minutes you have ample time to get upstairs and probably down again before the light goes off of its own accord. If you want longer light you push it in again, and it can be worked from the bottom of the staircase, the half-landing, or the top.

FOR CUPBOARDS AND CELLARS

For the problem of the cupboards, where people constantly shut the doors and leaves the light burning inside, automatic switches operated by the opening and shutting of the doors will be fitted. Open the door and the light goes on, burning steadily until you close it again—then complete and economical darkness.

We are having these switches fitted in the larder, the coal cellar, and the linen cupboard. So far we have found nothing that will ensure at least absolute the rooster-bed who falls asleep with the light on. We have the idea all right, a kind of super time-switch light that goes off every quarter of an hour and must be put on again by hand. As we nod over a book the light goes out and stays out if we have nodded sufficiently.

A. B. M.



The Victorian yoke is used in this frock in teen style. A flower vine print on blue cotton makes the frock with full skirt, and the ruffled yoke is in tucked white sheer with lace edgings.

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ACROSS

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- Look by dry heat
- Crust on surface of wound
- Kind of bear
- Alexander
- Lately (archaic)
- Archipelago in Philippines discovered in 1588
- Historic constituent of blood
- Things used in work
- More on wheels
- Particular flavor of
- One devoted to particular pursuit
- Circular hat made of straw
- Horribly bad
- Isotonic solution
- Walls set in circles
- Give to return for money
- Mischiefous sprites
- Squander love
- Low cards to poker
- Specific amount of labor imposed
- In exerts winning of trials to deal
- Device for pressing
- Product of oxidation
- of lodges
- Prior in time
- In little while
- Pertaining to first principles
- Ring-shaped coral island
- Channel
- Vaulted roof of
- Wireless set

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- Mineral spring
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- District of Bohemia
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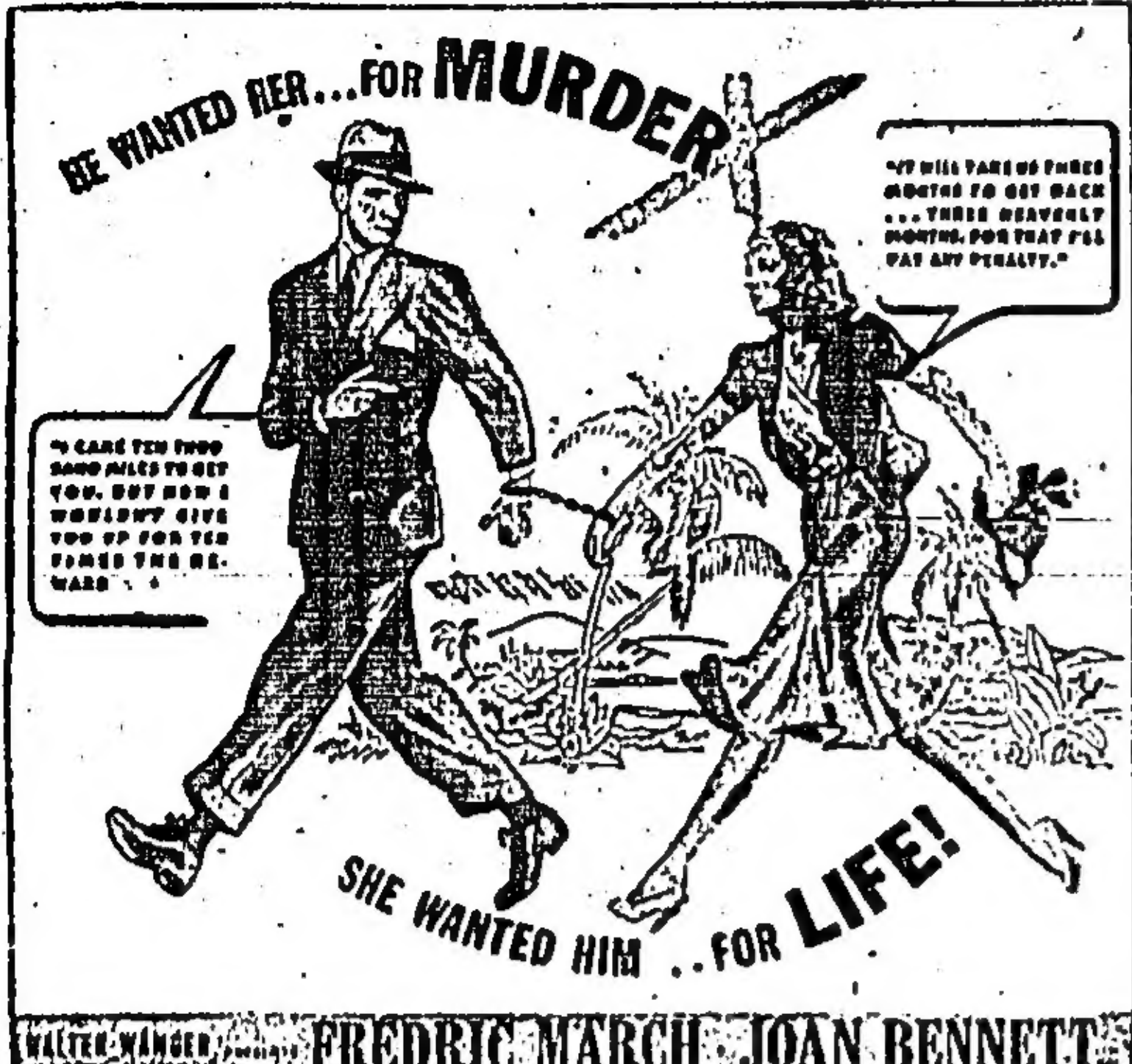
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Postal Secrets For Princess Elizabeth

Princess Elizabeth, who will be 13 this month, was taken by Queen Mary on an educational tour of the Mount Pleasant postal sorting office at Clerkenwell recently.

They were received by Sir Walter Womersley, the Assistant Postmaster-General, and for more than an hour saw how letters are sorted for distribution to all parts of the British Isles and the world.

The intricate mechanical sorting apparatus was explained to them, and they were shown the mails being sent by conveyor belts and chutes down to the Post Office's private tube railway which conveys them to the London railway termini.

Princess Elizabeth went into the control cabin and watched the signalman operating the trains in and out of Mount Pleasant. She learned that the trains travel without crews, but cannot collide—because—as one train goes over a section the section immediately behind it becomes "dead," so that no other train can enter it.

The method of electrical control, by which the trains are slowed down from 35 miles an hour and brought to a standstill at each of the eight stations, was also explained to her.

Princess Elizabeth, who said that she had no idea that such a complete railway system for the mails ran under London.

MARSHAL GOERING Inspects Colonisation Plans On Way to Rome

Rome, Apr. 13. Field Marshal Goering and his wife left Tripoli by the motorship Monseratte yesterday. They will arrive in Naples to-morrow for a visit of several days, after which they will leave for Rome.

On the last day of his visit to Tripoli, the German Air Minister, accompanied by the Governor-General of Libya and Air Marshal Balbo, inspected the new settlements of the Italian colonists and garrisons of the Italian armed forces in Libya. Air Marshal Balbo explained personally in detail the work and aims of the Italian colonial administration in Libya.—Trans-Ocean.

ACT OF REVENGE Hammer Attack Severely Punished by Court

Six months' hard labour, to be followed by banishment, was imposed on Hung Kam-chung, 31, unemployed, when he appeared before Mr. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy yesterday and pleaded guilty to assaulting and causing bodily harm to Cheng Chi-kor, at Chung Sau Street West, on April 6. Detective Sergeant R. Mace was the prosecutor, and the defendant was defended by a Chinese lawyer. The complainant had been in hospital for some time, and it was thought at first that the injury would be serious. Defendant was arrested the next day by a Chinese detective. Continuing, Sergeant Mace said that the attack was an act of revenge, as complainant had previously given evidence which had led to the arrest and imprisonment of defendant.

Colony Chess Standings

D. E. de Carvalho leads E. Zimmern by half a point in the Colony Chess Championship. Results to date are as follows:

	P	W	D	L	Pts.
D. E. de Carvalho	7	5	1	1	5 1/2
E. Zimmern	7	4	1	2	5
To Yu Lau	7	3	1	3	4 1/2
A. Kuriie	7	2	1	4	4
Dr. M. O. Pister	7	1	1	5	3 1/2
H. S. Harrison	7	1	1	5	3 1/2
B. S. Livin	7	0	1	6	1 1/2

Mr. B. S. Livin has dropped out of the competition.

Japan Aids Mothers

Tokyo. The government has announced that women and their newly-born babies will receive free medical attention. Medical bureaux are being set up throughout the empire and travelling doctors have been detailed to farm districts.

A.D.C. Production At Y.M.C.A. Nets Applause

THE Y.M.C.A. Amateur Dramatic Club has done well to turn its attention once again to the field from which it derives part of its name. With the exception of "Busman's Honeymoon," rather indifferently produced last year, and an unfortunate daily into one Act plays, its attention had been concentrated in recent years on Pantomimes.

"London Wall," John van Druten's play which was produced some years ago at the Duke of York's theatre and which you can read in these excellent series of Famous Plays published by Gollancz, was a happy thought for this year's presentation, as testified by the fact that an appalling small audience last night gave generous and unstinted applause at the fall of each curtain and at the exits of most of the players.

With one or two exceptions, the Y.M.C.A. production is well cast—the Y.M.C.A.'s propensity for developing talent from within which the Philharmonic Society and the Hongkong A.D.C. have generously drawn being again in evidence.

Talent Uncarved
Notable in this category are Alec Austin, who plays the part of the office boy "Birkinslaw," and Pauline Jeffreys, who gives a refreshing interpretation of the role of "Miss Pat Milligan." The diction of Peter Randolph ("Hec Hammond") is surprisingly clear and enforced and if he could overcome a tendency to overact in parts and not to act in others he would easily carry off the major honours.

As it is, the most polished performance is, naturally perhaps, given by Julie Weller ("Miss Buffon"), who is completely at home in a difficult role, as bests one who has already graduated to the Hongkong A.D.C. Rita Cole ("Miss Janus") has the leading role played by Marie Ney in the Duke of York Theatre production, and plays the part excellently until she comes to the emotional passages in the final Act. W. E. Kirby (Cyril Walker) shows restraint and polish, and probably would have been better cast had he exchanged roles with E. O'Neill Shaw ("Mr. Brewer") who, whilst giving an excellent characterisation, is somewhat unconvincing as a lady-killer.

Violet Trimmer ("Miss Hooper") and Dora Lanchester ("Miss Wilkesden") are excellent in their minor roles.

Leonard Starbuck has moulded his material well and the services of the Prompter, G. Eastgate, were required on surprisingly few occasions.

The only discreditable thing about the production, in fact, was the appalling small audience which turned out to witness the fruits of six weeks' hard rehearsal.—N.S.

CENTRAL MARKET Question of Sub-Letting Of Stalls

By advertisement, tenders are being called for operation of Poultry, Fish, Beef, Mutton, Pork, Fruit and Vegetable stalls in the new Central Market.

The advertisement stipulates that those who wish to tender must appear in person at the Market. This seemed to suggest careful precaution against "landlordism," but an interview on the point with the Chairman of the Urban Council was not enlightening. The reporter returned with the following note of the conversation:

Q. In view of the fact that tenders are being called for stalls at the new Market, can you tell me what steps will be taken to prohibit sub-letting of the stalls?

Mr. Todd: I can't tell you anything about it.

Q. Is it not true that these stalls are sub-let and sub-let, until the price of the goods is vastly increased?

Mr. Todd: No, of course it isn't. Certainly some sub-letting does go on in some markets, but there are heavy penalties for that sort of thing and we do our best to see it is stopped.

Q. Can you tell me how many cases of sub-letting were stopped in this way, say in the last twelve months?

Mr. Todd: No good will be served by me telling you all this. There is no interest in it.

Q. I was instructed by my Editor to ask you what steps would be taken to prevent sub-letting in the new Market?

Mr. Todd: I'm sorry, I'm not going to tell you anything about it.

Q. Is it that you won't tell me anything about it, or that you can't tell me anything about the sub-letting?

Mr. Todd: To clear yourself, it's that I won't tell you anything about it.

The interviewer then said he would convey the gist of the conversation to his Editor, adding that Mr. Todd had refused to make a statement.

Mr. Todd: Yes, do. That's correct I won't make any statement.

Soviet May Decorate Chaplin

Charlie Chaplin may be awarded the "Red Flag" decoration by the Russian Government "for advancing the Democratic idea in film work."

The Central Committee of the Russian Film Industry has approached the Soviet Union's Supreme Council with a suggestion to this effect, according to a newspaper report from Moscow.

It is further suggested that a Charlie Chaplin "week" be organised throughout the Soviet Union, during which all the comedian's best films would be on view.

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OBITUARY

Creator Of Detective
Philo Vance

New York, Apr. 12. The death occurred to-day of Willard Huntington Wright, aged 51, better known as S. S. Van Dine, writer of many detective novels and creator of the character, Philo Vance. Born in Virginia, Wright was educated at St. Vincent and Pomona

Colleges and then went to Harvard. He began his literary career on the Los Angeles Times and for many years served as art, dramatic and literary editors of several American publications. In 1929 he was appointed police commissioner of Bradley's Beach, New Jersey. Wright wrote his first Philo Vance story in 1920, but for many years before he had been writing books of a more literary and serious nature and was a noted authority on literature and art. He was a consistent contributor to American and European high class magazines on literary and artistic subjects.

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